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OF

# THE TOWN OF LUDLOW,

IN SHROPSHIRE,

FROM 1540 TO THE END OF THE REIGN OF QUEEN ELIZABETH.

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TO

THE REV. EDWARD ff. CLAYTON, M.A.

RECTOR OF LUDLOW,

THIS LITTLE VOLUME IS DEDICATED

AS A TOKEN OF

VERY SINCERE RESPECT.

TO

THE REV. EDWARD ff. CLAYTON.

My dear Sir,

I am assured that in the noble Church of which you so worthily exercise the spiritual direction, or in anything which relates to it, no one can feel a greater interest than yourself. This church derived much of its importance from the Guild of Palmers, which seems to have exercised an authority over the building, that, with its other property, was transferred to the municipal corporation of the town. Thus, in the following records, any act of an extraordinary kind is usually done "by appointment of the Bailiffs." Hence, too, such of the papers relating to the former affairs of the church itself, as have been preserved, are mostly found in the municipal archives of the town. Among these, as you well know, is a large manuscript volume containing the churchwardens' accounts of Ludlow, from A.D. 1540, the thirty-second year of the reign of Henry VIII., to the close of the reign of Elizabeth. The greater part of these accounts I have printed in the present volume.

The accounts open at a very eventful period. We are at the dawn of the Reformation. Four years before, two hundred of the lesser monasteries had been dissolved, and in the very year in which

our records commence the same fate fell upon the rest. During the remainder of this reign we witness in Ludlow Church the full exercise of the Romish service, with all its pomp and imagery; and the first two years of the reign of Edward VI. seem to have gone on much as usual; but the accounts of the two years which follow are filled with details of the pulling down and sale of images, and tabernacles, and other popish furniture. During Mary's reign we can just trace the return to the old forms of worship; but they are not brought forward forcibly to our attention, and it seems as though our old townsmen hesitated, uncertain of the durability of the new state of things, and unwilling to identify themselves with it. Then, during the reign of Elizabeth we can feel the tranquil triumph of Protestantism, until, at its close, we approach another age of troubles, destined to end in the temporary ascendancy of Puritanism.

Such is a general view of the historical interest of these records. In their more minute details we contemplate our church, and our town, as they existed three centuries ago. These accounts show the former, with most of its peculiarities, inside and outside; and the continual labour and expense employed in repairing, mending, whitewashing, adding to, is quite marvellous, so that the whole revenue of the Corporation is commonly spoken of as receipts for reparations. The frequency of some of these is remarkable; such as the mending of glass windows, the renewing and repairing of bells, and the purchase of bell-ropes. To judge from the wearing and breaking of bells and ropes, we must conclude that the amount of bell-ringing in Ludlow church during the sixteenth century was almost unparalleled. This, however, will admit of explanation. Not only was Ludlow, in itself, an important town on the borders

of Wales, but it was the seat of a viceregal court, and no doubt whatever event caused excitement in the castle gave employment to the bells in the church.

In the same manner, some of the facts entered into these accounts, curious in themselves, reveal other facts no less interesting. Thus, the regular payment of a permanent officer employed to whip dogs out of the church—the dog-whipper—is remarkable as one of the almost forgotten characteristics of the olden time: but we are also led to conclude from it that the door of the church was in those times kept open daily during the whole day. I might point to other examples of this kind. It is not improbable that Ludlow Church had some customs and practices peculiar to itself. Among these, perhaps, were the regulations relating to the pews. It appears to have been the custom to grant to an individual a piece of ground measured out on the floor of the church, upon which he himself usually built his pew, which became his private property, and he could sell it, or leave it by will, or his heir inherited it. A part of the process of sale appears to have been a form of surrender of the pew to the parish. I have been told that this method of dealing with the pews has remained in Ludlow church down to a very recent period. We can hardly figure to ourselves the appearance the interior of the church must have presented, when the pews, separate from each other, of different forms and magnitudes, were scattered over it as described in the following accounts. The light thus thrown upon the early history of the pew system is very important, and I have ventured to repeat in an Appendix some remarks on this part of the subject which I had made on a former occasion in reference to our Ludlow records.

There is another point in which these accounts have a popular interest. They present us with the names of some of the leading

townsmen of Ludlow through the greater part of the sixteenth century, and it will be curious to compare them with those of the present day. On the whole, few names now well known to us in Ludlow are found in these accounts, but there are one or two which we should hardly expect to have met with here. Such, for example, is the name of Botfield. We have John Botfield (p. 83), and Elizabeth Botfield (p. 124). We might almost be led to suspect that the family of Botfield took its origin from Ludlow. Again, we find among the men of Ludlow in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, the name of Southern; John Sotherne is frequently spoken of in the following records (see, for instance, pp. 54, 64). Among well-known names which are common to the old town and to the new, we find those of Harding (Richard Harding, p. 121), Jones, Lewis, Evans, Lloyd (Richard Lloyd, p. 45), Passie, Morris (p. 127), Beadow, or Beddoe (p. 40), Partridge, Nightingale (Richard Nightingale, p. 168), Adams, Griffiths, Hodson, Gwyn. We also meet with a few names still known in the neighbourhood, such as Swainson (pp. 93, 109, 110), Newell (p. 68), and Benson. There are also found persons with names taken from well-known localities in the surrounding country, such as John Clee, Henry Cleobury (p. 124), William Clunton (p. 106), Richard Hopton (p. 163), and William Poughnill (p. 143). But the greater part of the names in the following pages are long forgotten as inhabitants of Ludlow. It may be added, that they reveal to us a rather larger sprinkling of Welsh blood in the town than is found there at the present day. The Welsh patronymic occurs not uncommonly in such names as Rees ap Thomas (p. 41), and Thomas ap Powell (p. 138).

I have stated that the manuscript contains the Churchwardens' Accounts in regular succession from the year 1540 to the end of

the reign of Queen Elizabeth. I have thought it sufficient to print in a complete form only the accounts from the beginning down to the year 1574. After that date they become more repetitions of each other, and I have confined myself to giving in an Appendix a list of them, with extracts only of such entries as seemed to offer more special interest.

I am, my dear Sir,

Very faithfully yours,

THOMAS WRIGHT.

14, Sidney Street, Brompton, London.
May 24, 1869.

# CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS

# OF THE TOWN OF LUDLOW.

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Reparacons done by Richard Langforde and Willyam Lacon, wardens of the pareshe churche off Ludlowe, anno Henrici octavi xxvij^to^, anno Domini 1540.[1]

Item, payd unto Thomas Smyth for a barre of yryn weynge vj. li. and for the workemanshype of the same ix d.
Item, payd unto Thomas Smythe for v. bordes to the same vij d.
Item, payd to Thomas Kerver for closynge the wyndous in the westrie with the same bordes . . . ix d.
Item, payd to master glasier for glassynge the wyndous in the vestrie . . . . . ij s. viij d.
Item, payd to the bellmon ffor yve and holye[2] at Chrystemas ij d.
Item, payd for the holye candylle[3] . . . . ij s. vj d.

[1] Henry VIII. ascended the throne of England on the 22nd of April, 1509, so that his thirty-second year began on the 22nd of April, 1540. The clerk who made up these accounts must, therefore, have written *xxvij^to^* instead of *xxxij^do^*, in copying the account.

[2] The dressing of the churches at Christmas was a very ancient popular custom, and is often spoken of by the old writers. The ecclesiastical canons of the Western church, as far back as the seventh century, condemn it as a practice borrowed directly from the paganism of our primitive forefathers.

[3] This and the entries which follow refer to a custom which was observed with great solemnity in the Romish church at Easter. On Easter Eve they put out the old fires, and produced new fire from the flint, which was consecrated by the priest. People took home

Item, bought of m^r wardene for the pascalle, a dosen li. of bolene waxe, prysse . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, payd for the makynge off the pascalle . . ij s. vj d.
Item, for woode and oyle to the same pascalle . . . iiij d.
Item, payd the belmon for his labor . . . iiij d.
Item, spend on them when the hade made the pascalle vj d.
Item, payd for our dynner the same tyme . . . viij d.
Item, for wesshynge of autor[1] clothis and albes iij. tymes in the yeare, and the sowynge on of the valans of them, iij s. iiij d.
Item, payd to Richard Spone for brusshynge of the heygh autor . . . . . xij d.
Item, payd to John Loyde for the yryn that bereth the clothes afore the hygh autor . . . . . xij d.
Item, payd to Phillip Tynker and Mathow Buclermaker for drauyenge of the yryn and makynge of the stapuls ij s.
Item, payd for coles to melt ledde for the same . j d.
Item, payd for rynges and crule[2] and the sowynge on of them on the clothe that haungyth afore the heygh autor . . . . . iiij d.
Item, payd for lynyn clothe to pece owt the walans that hangyth over the heygh auter . . . . . vij d.

lights of this fire to renew the fires in their own houses, as carrying with it a sort of blessing to their homes (it was another relic of paganism). But chiefly they lighted from it an immense candle of wax, or taper, which was called the Paschal candle, and was consecrated with very great solemnity. This is told in the old Latin verses of Hospinian:—

Cereus hinc ingens, Paschalis dictus, amœno
Sacratur cantu; cui ne mysteria desint,
Thurea compingunt in facta foramina grana.

This was kept burning until Easter Day, when it was extinguished in the holy water, which was then renewed for the forthcoming year. The taper was generally very large, as will be seen by the entries in our churchwardens' accounts. In 1557, the Paschal taper for the abbey church of Westminster weighed three hundred pounds.

[1] *i. e.* altar.

[2] Crule, spelt in later times *crewel*, was a fine worsted thread, which was used of course for sewing on the rings,

Item, payd to Richard Spon for the peyntynge of the valans[1] . . . . . vj d.
Item, payd for a frynge that hangyt at the valans . xiiij d.
Item, payd to Richard a Pouelle for the pecynge of the valans, and the souynge on of the frynge . . iij d.
Item, payd to Phelip Tynkere for the settynge up of the valans . . . . . vj d.
Item, payd to Philip Tynkere for mendynge the engle[2] ij d.
Item, payd to Thomas Hunt for mendynge of the crofer[3] for ye sepulcre . . . . . vj d.
Item, payd for borde nayle and lathe neale for the same cofer[3] . . . . . ij d.
Item, payd unto Croket for mendynge of a bare[4] for the sepulcre . . . . . ij d.
Item, payd for nayles, cordes, and pynys[5] to the sepulcre vj d.
Item, payd for rosene to make lyght and wyure[6] for the clocke . . . . . j d.
Item, payd to Thomas Hunt for mendynge on of the clapurs . . . . . j d.
Item, payd for whit yncle[7] yt John Chraulye had to make gyrdyls . . . . . j d.
Item, payd for cordes to hange the clothe and to draue the clothe that hangyth in the mydes of the heygh chancelle in the Lent . . . . . ij d.
Item, payd for ij. cordes to drawe up the clothe afore the roode on Palme Sondaye . . . . . ij d.
Item, payd for rynges and crule and the souynge on of them on the clothe on the mydys of the heygh chancelle iij d.

[1] The valance was the drapery raised over the high altar at the solemnity of Easter.

[2] There is in the MS. the mark over the *e* usually signifying the *n* to follow *e*; but, as this is sometimes used with no meaning in this Manuscript, I dare not resolve decidedly whether the word should be *egle* or *engle*.

[3] In the first of these examples the word is clearly written *crofer*, but probably the second is correct, *cofer*, in the sense of a chest.

[4] A bar. [5] Pins. [6] ? Wire. [7] A coarse kind of tape.

Item, payd to Cle for mendynge of the locke on the organ-soler[1] dore . . . . . ij d.
Item, payd for cordes for the bellys off the organs . ij d. ob.
Item, payd for mendynge of ij. keys, on for the great dore, and the other for the wendynge dore[2] . . . iiij d.
Item, payd to Moris Goodknappe for mendynge of a baud-rycke[3] . . . . . j d.
Item, payd to the organ bloere for his yeares wages . ij s. viij d.
Item, payd to the belmon for his yeares wages . xvj d.
Item, payd hym for the coverynge of a pytt[4] . . ij d.
Item, payd for mendynge of the parishe bere[5] . viij d.
Item, payd for neales for the same bere . . . ij d. ob.
Item, payd Philipe Tynkere for souder bestouuyd on the churche at iij. tymes, xvij li., j li. d., iiij li. quarter, at iij d. li. . . . . v s. ix d.
Item, payd for woode and colis and candels for the same busynes iiij d.
Item, for lyme and sande to the same . . . iij d.
Item, payd to a laborer for to pargytt[6] and helpe hym vij d.
Item, payd to William Poues, barber, for a rope for our Ladye belle at xvj. fedome[7] . . . . . xij d.
Item, bought a smalle roope at xxiiij^e fedom for the fyrst mase belle[8] . . . . . iiij d.
Item, bought a roope for the cheymys[9] at xxx. fedome prys xvj d.
Item, payd for whyppynge of roopes . . . viij d.
Item, payd for whypcorde and lecure[10] for the same roopes . . . . . j d.

[1] The organ-soler was the floor on which the organ was raised. [2] ? Winding-door.

[3] This was a part of the mechanism of the bell, often mentioned in old churchwardens' accounts, the exact character of which is at present rather uncertain. Baldric, or baudric, means a belt or girdle, and it is said to have been given to a belt or thong by which the clapper of the bell was suspended.

[4] *Pit* seems to have meant a grave.

[5] The bier on which the dead were carried to their graves.

[6] To parget or rough-cast a wall. [7] Fathoms. [8] Mass bell.

[9] The chimes. [10] Liquor.

Item, payd for colis[1] agaynst Chrystmas, Ester, Whytsontyd, and Alhalontyd,[2] to sense with and to wecche the sepulcre[3] . . . . . iiij d.
Item, payd to master wardene for syngynge brede[4] . iij s. iiij d.
Item, payd to Philipe Tynker for brassynge of a kandylstycke . . . . . iiij d.
Item, payd for makynge clene of the leddes twys in the yere . . . . . viij d.
Item, payd to Lokear the smythe for reparacions of the chymes . . . . . xiiij s. iiij d.
Item, payd for lecer to lecur them withe . . . ij d.
Item, payd for v. lynckes fatt[5] of William Poues weynge xij li. and iij. quarters, at ij d. ob. a pounde . ij s. viij d.
Item, payd for a lyncke fatt of Water Troytt weynge ij li. at ij d. ob. . . . . v d.
Item, payd for makynge clene of the steple stayer . ij d.
Summa totalis, iij li. x s. j d.

## Reseyttes of the churche the same yeare.

Reseyved at Ester . . . . . xxxvij s. ix d.
Reseyved of mastere Foxe for m^r^ wardens leystalle[6] . vj s. viij d.
Reseyved of ser Richard Bensone for his Lent leystalle vj s. viij d.
Reseyved of the good wyffe Benet for hyr husbandes leystalle . . . . . vj s. viij d.

[1] Coals, i. e. charcoal. [2] All Saints.

[3] It was the custom to construct a sepulchre, of course representing that of the Saviour, with various ceremonies; on Good Friday, the hoste was placed in it, and men were paid to watch it night and day until Easter day, in the morning of which the hoste was taken out, and it was announced that Christ had arisen.

[4] The singing-bread was the consecrated wafers.

[5] Fat, in old records, means usually a vat, or vessel; but it here signifies something which was bought by the pound, probably fat for the links or torches.

[6] The meaning of the word *leystalle* or *laystalle* in connection with a church is not very clear; but it appears to have had some relation to a pew. One meaning attached to the word is a place for cattle to rest in after a long journey.

Reseyved of Thomas Trevauns and Rouland Hunt for ser Rogers Huntes leystalle . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Reseyved of Richard Hanlye for olde tymber . . iiij d.
Summa ress. . iij li. iiij s. ix d.
And so the churche rest in ther dette . .. . v s. iiij d.
Wherof the be deductide for wesshinge of the churche clothes . . . . . iij s. iiij d.
And so the parishe ys indettede to them . . . ij s.

*Die Lunæ, videlicet xvj° die mensis Februarii anno regni regis Henrici octavi xxxj°, coram Johanne Taylor et Johanne Lokyer ballivis domini regis villæ de Ludlow.*

At whiche day it ys orderede and agreede be the seid baylifes that the forseid Richarde Langforde ffrom hensfourth shalle pesably have, occupie, and enjoye the pewe or sette in the churche late in the tenure of Alice Lane decessede, ffor whiche pewe the seide baylifes have awardede that the seide Richarde Langforde shalle content and paye to the churche wardeyns, over the ij s. wherin the churche upon hys account restith in hys debtt, the some of vj s. viij d. stervinge,[1] whiche ys payde the seide day and yere etc. quinte.

ffinis.

## The account of Wattare Taylor and Wyllyam Partrynge, beynge churche wardens, in the xxxij. yere of the rayne of kynge Henry the eight, anno Domini 1541.

Item, payde to master Langforde for a corde to hange the lawnterne in the body of the churche . . . iiij d.
Item, payde to Phelipe Jokes for the hangynge of the same . . . . . ij d.
Item, payd for a corde to the sacrynge belle . . iiij d.
Item, payde for nayles and naylynge the bordes in the gallery . . . . . ij d.

[1] The contraction is rather indistinct here, and the *v* apparently an error, for it is probably intended for sterling.

Item, payde for ij. handelles for the belles to Seasson . ij d.
Item, payde to Seasson for mendynge the whele of ye secounde tenor . . . . . ij d.
Item, for a locke to the steple dore next the belles and a keye v d.
Item, for another locke and key to the nether dore . . v d.
Item, for a locke and key to the nether dore of the ledes over the churche porynche [1] . . . . . v d.
Item, for a borde and the naylynge . . . . . iiij d. ob.
Item, for iij li. of candelles to the lawnterne in the body of the churche . . . . . vij d. ob.
Item, for pavynge of a grave in saynt John chauncelle and for lyme . . . . . iiij d.
Item, to Philipe Jokes for vij li. of sowder,[2] that he spende on the sowthe syde of the churche . . . xxj d.
Item, for his man and woode . . . . . iij d.
Item, for a whype and belles . . . . . vj d.
Item, for ij. mens laber ij. days and a halfe for castynge downe snowe of the churche . . . . xx d.
Item, for sopynge of the wallis withein the churche for ij. men ij. dayes . . . . . xvj d.
Item, for a key to the wedynge dore [3] . . . ij d.
Item, for the whypynge of the rope to the ffirst belle iiij d.
Item, for mendynge of the pascalle borde [4] . . . iiij d.
Item, payde for smale cordes to the sepullere . . iiij d.
Item, for pessynge on of the pellers [5] of the sepullere ij d.
Item, to Thomas Taylor for blowynge the organs . ij s. viij. d.
Item, for coles at Christmas and Ester . . . ij d.
Item, for d li. of fraynkeinsence . . . . ij d.
Item, for tackes and pyns to the sepulcre and for whyte ynkle to the awbes [5] . . . . . iij d. ob.

[1] Probably it should be porychc, the porch. [2] Solder.
[3] In a former passage, p. 4, the word is spelt distinctly *wendinge*.
[4] The paschal table. [5] Piecing one of the pillars.
[6] For white tape for the albes.

Item, to John Shrawley for makynge of the alleyas[1] and for paper . . . . . iiij d. ob.
Item, for woode to make the pascalle . . . . ij d.
Item, spende on the barbers at the makynge of the pascalle . . . . . xij d.
Item, for xiij. li. of waxe . . . . . vj s. vj d.
Item, payde for holy candelles . . . . . ij s. vj d.
Item, payde to the belmon . . . . . xvj d.
Item, for oyle to the pascalle . . . . . ij d.
Item, for a roope to the secounde tenor . . . xvj d.
Item, for mendynge of the whele of our Lady belle . viij d.
Item, for mendynge the clapere of the secounde tenor . xij d.
Item, for mendynge the whele of the secounde belle . ij d.
Item, payde to the dekens for tendynge of the pascalle iiij d.
Item, for pessinge[2] of the gable roope of the chymes . iiij d.
Item, for a bawdryke and a yrone pynne to our Lady belle . . . . . ix d,
Item, for di. li. wyre to the chymes . . . . iij d.
Item, for mendynge of the chymes . . . . vj d.
Item, payde to master warden for syngynge brede . iij s. iiij d.
Item, to master warden for ij. surples for the ij dekens . . . . . iiij s. j d.
Item, to Phelipe Jokes for mendynge the pareshe crose xij d.
Item, to John Glassier for mendynge the wyndowe over the gallery . . . . . v s. viij d.
Item, for a barre of yron to Thomas Forten . . iiij d.
Item, for lyme to mende the churche walle . . xij d.
Item, to Phelip Jokes for ix li. of sothere[3] to mende the ledes on the northe syde . . . . . ij s. iij d.
Item, for woode . . . . . ij d.
Item, to Phelipe Jokes for his man for ij. dayes . . viij d.
Item, for mendynge one of the stopes of the great organs viij d.

[1] Perhaps for *alias*. [2] Piecing. [3] Solder.

Item, payde to Harpere for vj. dayes worke one the churche walles . . . . . ij s.
Item, payde Tromper for caryenge of stonne and sande xvj d.
Item, to Roger Meysy for cuttynge downe of ellorns[1] in the ledes . . . . . ij d.
Item, for mendynge the candlestycke one the hyghe altar ij d.
Item, for a lawntorne for the first mase . . . xiiij d.
Item, for ij. poundes of candles to the same . . iij d.
Item payde m^r Alsope for makynge the bocke of the iiij. wardes . . . . . viij d.
Item, for weyshynge[2] and sowynge the awbis . . ij s.
Item, to Thomas Scassone for a handle to the secounde belle . . . . . ij d.
Item, for pessynge the rope to the fyrst belle . . ij d.
Item, to William Powis for a lynke and a cord [for] the great organs . . . . . vij d.

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## Receyttes.

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Ressevide by the bocke of the iiij. wardes . . xj s. ix d.
Ressevide a c. of irone lackynge x. pownde at . . vj s.
Ressevyde of Rycharde Rawlens wyf for Elsabeth Gwyns knelynge place . . . . . viij d.

Summa iij. li. xij d.

The pareshe restyth in oure dett . . x d.

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[1] Elder-trees.

[2] Washing and sewing the albs.

The acount of Larense Ffrenshe and John Draper, beinge churche wardens, the xxxiij. yere of the raine of kynge Henry the viij. anno Domini 1542.

Item, payde to Thomas Seasson for mendynge the chymes, and for wyre, and to nootes[1] to the barelle . . xiiij d.
Item, to Thomas Taylar for blowynge the organs . ij s. viij d.
Item, for di. a li. of wyre for the chymes . . . iij d.
Item, for a locke for the steple dore . . . . iiij d.
Item, to m^r Glasyer for a wyndowe in saynt Catorns[2] chaunselle . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, to Phelip Jookes for mendynge the cloocke and the weyche[3] . . . . . iiij d.
Item, to Thomas Seasson for mendynge the chymes . iiij d.
Item, to the barbere for the holly candelle . . . ij s. vj d.
Item, for a corde to blowe our Lady organs . . . j d.
Item, to the pavier . . . . . xvj d.
Item, to William Geyrse and his to mene for hayngynge[4] the belles in the steple . . . . . xvj d.
Item, to Thomas Underwode for mendynge the irone cheyre in the heyghe quyre[5] . . . . vj d.
Item, to the smythe of Ludfortt for a new key to the churche dore . . . . . iiij d.
Item, to Tromper for caryenge of x. cart loodes of ramelle[6] that was cast owt of the grate . . . . vj d.
Item, to John Pavier for his labor . . . . iij d.
Item, for pavinge before the grate . . . . j d.
Item, to Phelip Jookes for sother to the ledes . . viij d.
Item, for fagootes ther . . . . . i d.

[1] Notes? [2] Catherine's.

[3] The Promptorium Parvulorum has "WECCHE, of a clokke," but gives no further explanation.

[4] His two men for hanging. [5] The iron chair in the high choir.

[6] Rubbish thrown out of the grating.

Item, to Philip for xli. li. of lede, and the castynge of a new peise[1] for the clocke . . . . . ij s. ij d.
Item, to iiij. men that dide make clene within the churche walles . . . . . xx d.
Item, to Thomas Seasone for pessinge the belle ropes . vij d.
Item, to John Crokett for irone to the stocke of the belle and the makynge . . . . . vj d.
Item, for iij. borthen of roodes to mend the loige[2] . iij d.
Item, to Pyngle for iij. loodes of cley . . . vj d.
Item, to John Bube for iij. rynges of lyme[3] . . vj d.
Item, to hym for lyme to whitt the wallis[4] . . . j d.
Item, to John Mape for his labor iiij dayes . . . xiiij d.
Item, to John Glasyer for settynge up the ij. paynes that were taken downe at m^r^ Fullyardes buriynge . ij s. ij d.
Item, for vj. peces of tymbere to horse the belles[5] . iij d.
Item, payde Richard Sawyer for xiiij. li. of waxe for the pascalle . . . . . vij s.
Item, for the makynge of the pascalle . . . ij s. vj d.
Item, for oyle at the makynge of the pascalle . . ij d.
Item, for pyns and tackes for the sepulcre . . . ij d.
Item, for colis on Estere yeven[6] in the vestre . . j d.
Item, to Thomas Season for pessynge of the bawdrycke for the chymes and mendynge the chymes . . vj d.
Itēm, to hym for mendynge the boordes under the belles, and for iiij loitores[7] for the belle ropes . . x d.
Item, for a pes of tembere to make the beme . . xvj d.
Item, for the squarynge of hym in the woode . . x d.
Item, to Rolande Huntt for the carege home . . x d.
Item, to the kervers on the sayde beme for ix. dais worke ix s.
Item, to Thomas Smythe for iij. bordes to the beme vj d.
Item, for candles to the kervers . . . . . ij d.

[1] Weight? [2] Three loads, or bundles, of rods to mend the lodge?
[3] A measure of lime, but how much I cannot ascertain. [4] To whitewash the walls.
[5] On which to suspend the bells. [6] Easter Eve. [7] I do not know this word.

Item, to Thomas Bolde for makynge the holes in the stone walle for the beme . . . . . vj d.
Item, to mr Langforde for vj. bordes to make the comyn pewis . . . . . iij s.
Item, a pes of tymber to undersett the comyn pewis . iiij d.
Item, to Hoper and his ij. men for the mendynge of the pewis iij. days and a d. . . . . iij s. vij d.
Item, for nayles at John Seassons for the stiple[1] and the comyn pewis . . . . . xij d.
Item, to Gregory Smythe for a new key to the loige[2] dore ij d.
Item, to Philip Jookes for mendynge of the irone that the barelles of the chymes dothe goo in . . . vj d.
Item, to William Powis for ij. belle ropes, on to the first belle, and anothere to the third belle . . . iij s. viij d.
Item, ij. lynkes at . . . . . xvij d.
Item, iij. lynkes at . . . . . xvj d.
Item, ij. lynkes at . . . . . x d.
Item, vij. lynkes at . . . . . iij s. ij d.
Item, in cordes to draw the clothe before the highe alter in Lent, and for lynes to the sepulcre . . . v d.
Item, Watter Troit, for one lynke . . . . ix d.
Item, to Richarde Sawier for iij. lynkes[3] . . . xviij d.
Item, the barbers brekefast at the makynge the pascalle viij d.
Item, for the alter clothis and towelles weyshynge thre tymes this yere . . . . . xij d.
Summa totalis . . iij li. xvij s. ij d.

## Receytes.

Item, receyvede at Ester . . . . . xxxviij s. iiij. d.
Item, of mistres Sellmon for a pytt . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, more of her for a pewe . . . . . iij s. iiij d.
Item, of Davy Shermon for a pewe . . . . iii s. iiij d.

[1] steeple. [2] lodge.
[3] These links, or torches, were probably intended for lighting at the paschal fire.

Item, of John Seasson for ij. c. and iij. quarter and v. li. of irone at . . . . . xvj s. ix d.

Item, that my felowe hathe of Richarde Langfort for the same pewe . . . . . vj s viij d.

Item, that mr Glassyer owithe . . . . . vj s. viij d.

Md. the pewe in varians betwen Thomas Cother and Richarde Langforde ys grauntede for the noble aboved speinde[1] to the saide Richarde, as aperithe by an order made in thende of the accounte of the saide Richarde when he was churche warden, made by John Taylore and John Lokyer, then baylifes.

Summa totalis of the receytes . iij li. xix s. ix d.

And so they reste indettede unto the churche of this yeres accounte . . . . . ij s. vij d.

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## Memorandum, leide downe by the churche wardens, Richarde Water and Moris Phillipes, as here after folowithe, in anno xxxiiij° Henrici octavi, anno Domini 1543.

In primis, a smale corde to holde up the sacrament over ye hye alter . . . . . ij d.

Item, to Thomas Seasson mendynge of the first belrope iiij d.

Item, for a staple . . . . . j d.

Item, paide to John Forten for ij. keyes, on to the quere dore, and the other to oure Lady chappelle dore . iiij d.

Item, payde to Rogere Meysey for candles for the last wynter . . . . . viij d.

Item, payde John Gwyn for ij. bordes to make ye yates in ye churchyorde . . . . . xij d.

Item, payde to Kerie for ij. lasp[2] for the same yatt . iiij d.

[1] The noble above spent. A noble was 6s. 8d.

[2] latches.

Item, for a peyre of hynges to the same . . . iiij d.
Item, for nayles . . . . . iiij d.
Item, to William Gers and his man for mendynge the secounde belle . . . . . xij d.
Item, to John Meredith for makynge the yatt . . x d.
Item, for ij. hokes to hange the belle ropes . . ij d.
Item, to sir William of Seynt Lenardes [1] for a pistille boke xij d.
Item, for half a yarde of whyt fustian and for thryde [2] to mende oure Lady vestmentes . . . . . v d.
Item, payde Thomas Taylor for blowynge the organs . ij s.
Item, payde John Panyer for candles, evy, [3] and holle at Christmas . . . . . iij d.
Item, payde for mendynge of the thride belle rope . iij d.
Item, to John Glasier for glasynge and mendynge the churche wyndowes . . . . . xxij s.
Item, payde for ij. capias, on for Thomas Butlere, and the othere for Sawier . . . . . vj d.
Item, payde to oure atturney . . . . . xij d.
Item, payde for a venire facias . . . . . xvj d.
Item, spent on oure xij. men [4] . . . . . xij d.
Item, payde John Russelle for iij. barres of iron to the wyndow in the stiple . . . . . x d.
Item, payde Thomas Seasone for mendynge the chyme gabulle rope and for lethere . . . . . viij d.

[1] "Sir William" was of course the priest of St. Leonard's, a little chapel on the northern side of Corve Street, Ludlow, the ruins of which were visible at no very remote period. Sir, the English representative of *dominus*, was the usual title of a priest. How it happened to the priest of St. Leonard's to sell a "Pistille Boke," or book of the Epistles, to the church of Ludlow, is not very clear. Perhaps he had employed his leisure in writing it, and sold the MS. to the churchwardens.

[2] Thread.

[3] Ivy. The decking of churches and houses at Christmas with ivy and holly is a custom of great antiquity, and is spoken against with strong disapproval by the earlier ecclesiastics, as being derived from the pagans.

[4] The jury, of course, in the course of a law-suit here alluded to. A penny a man for treating them seems moderate, according to our present notions.

Item, payde for a loke to set on the yatt . . . ij d.
Item, payde for makynge of the tryselle . . . ij s.
Item, payde for a corde to oure Ladye organs . . j d.
Item, payde for whesshynge of the churche gere . . viij d.
Item, for makynge of the pascalle . . . . ij s. vj d.
Item, payde for xiiij li. of waxe to make the pascalle . vij s.
Item, in expences at the makynge of the pascalle . . xiiij d.
Item, payde towarde the lantern in the mydle of the churche . . . . . xviij d.
Item, payde to John Nycoles brusshynge of the hye alter iiij d.
Item, to mr Staynere for wesshynge of the saide alter . ij s. iiij d.
Item, payde Thomas Pavyer for swepinge the churche xvj d.
Item, payde his sonne for whippynge doges[1] out of the churche . . . . . viij d.
Item, payde John Nycollas and his servaunt for pargerynge ande whitlymynge and swepynge the churche ij s. vj d.
Item, for lyme and sande to the same . . . xxj d.
Item, for nayles to the sepulcre . . . . . ij d.
Item, payde for pynnys to ser Richarde Cowper . ij d.
Item, for rynges to hange the clothe before the hye alter and the mendynge of yt . . . . . iiij d.
Item, to Thomas Rushbury for mendynge the copes and oure Ladỳ vestement . . . . . viij d.
Item, to Philip Jookes for settynge in a claper in the fyrst masè belle . . . . . xvj d.
Item, payde the sayde Philipes for sowder to the ledes and for fyre . . . . . xvij d.
Item, to mr warden for ix. elles of dolas[2] and an half to make ij. new albus . . . . . vij s. j d. ob.

[1] The dogs appear, in those days, to have been kept under little restraint, and to have been very troublesome. From this necessity of driving them out of the church arose the title of dog-whipper, which is still given in some parts of England to the church-beadle. In the sixteenth century a similar title was given to the monk who had charge of the church in some of the continental monasteries.

[2] Dowlas, a sort of coarse linen brought from Britany.

Item, payde for iiij. elles of dolas to make Rusbiry a serples iij s.
Item, for makynge the ij. albus and the serples[1] and mendynge of on albe . . . . . xvj d.
Item, payde for iij. lynkes . . . . . ij s.
Item, for a corde to the first mas belle . . . . iiij d.
Item, to John Ruselle for ij. stapulles to the mase belle ij d.
Item, to Thomas Season pychynge and mendynge of the first belle and the thyrde belle . . . . . viij d.
Item, payde m^r warden for the syngynge brede to serve the churche for the whole yere . . . . . iij. s. iiij d.

Summa iij. li. iij s.

## The Receites of Richarde Watier and Moris Phillipes, churche wardens, as here after folowithe.

Item, receyvede at Ester . . . . . xxxiiij s. viij d.
Item, receyvede of yerne[2] . . . . . xxij d.
Item, receyvede of Alis Ffrences for her husbandes lestalle . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, receyvede of master Cox for his wyfes lestalle . vj s. viij d.
Item, receyvede of m^rs Glasyer for her pewe after the disses[3] of her husbande . . . . . xx d.
Item, receyvede of Richarde Watier for a pew after the decesse of m^r Draper . . . . . xx d.
Item, receyvede for quarterage as dothe appere by ther boke . . . . . xxiij s. vj d.
Item, receyvede of ser John Vawer for peyntyd clothe xvj d.
Item, receyvede of mastres Alsope for the reverecon of mastres Selman pewe . . . . . [4]
Item, hyt ys grauntyde to Thomas Leawys that he and his wyf shalle enjoye the half pewe in reverecon after the decease of master Hare, now in his possession, payinge . . . . . ij s.

[1] surplice.
[2] *i.e.* for iron—old iron from the church repairs.
[3] decease.
[4] The sum is not entered.

Item, hyt ys grauntede to Richarde Waties half of the pewe whiche Thomas Leawys hath in possession, payinge xx d.

Sum rec. . . iij. li. xviij s. iiij d.

Sum pd. . . iiij li. iij s.

And so the parishe restythe in the churche wardens dett . iiij s. viij d.

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## The accountes of Robert Adder and Richarde Lane, churche wardens in the yere of the rayne of kynge Henry the eight xxxv., anno Domini 1544.

Item, payde to Thomas Yevans for blowynge the organs ij s. viij d.

Item, for a li. of candles to the prest for to synge the fyrst mase . . . . . j d. ob.

Item, d. a li. of wyer . . . . . iij d.

Item, payde John Torner for ij. peces of tember to make the gratt[1] . . . . . iiij d.

Item, to William Gers for iij. dayes worke . . xviij d.

Item, to William Swese for iij. dayes worke . . xv d.

Item, to John Yerenmonger for iij. dayes worke . xv d.

Item, to William Geres for a pece of tymber . . ij d.

Item, iiij. poundes of candles to the fyrst mase . . vj d.

Item, to Richarde Lane for ij. peces of tymber for the grate[1] . . . . . xvj d.

Item, to John Season for a belle-rope for the first belle ij s.

Item, for the same belle a bawrycke . . . . vij d.

Item, a corde to the first mas belle . . . . j d.

Item, payde for pessynge of a belle-rope . . . ij d.

Item, for pesynge of the whele of the seconde tenor . x d.

Item, for a corde to the organs . . . . . j d.

Item, for a bawdrike to the seconde tenor . . vij d.

[1] Grate, or trellis. The Promptorium Parvulorum has, "GRATE, or trelys wyndowe, *Cancellus*." The cross-bars of the window were usually of wood.

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| Item, for the holly candelle . . . . . | ij s. vj d. |
| Item, for ij. lynkes to William Powis . . . | xij d. |
| Item, for mendynge the cobort[1] at the hyghe alters ende | ij d. |
| Item, for mendynge the while of the secounde tenor . | iiij d. |
| Item, for ij. cordes to draw the clothe in Lent in y^e hye quyre . . . . . | iiij d. |
| Item, to Thomas Season for mendynge the cope for Lent | x d. |
| Item, to Yowan Troyte for a lynke . . . . | vij d. |
| Item, for a key to the loyge dore . . . . | ij d. |
| Item, for oyle to the makynge of the paschalle . . | ij d. |
| Item, spende on the barber at the makynge of the paschalle | xij d. |
| Item, to William Gers and his man for makynge of the house over the grate . . . . . | xxij d. |
| Item, for bordes to the same house . . . . | xiiij d. |
| Item, for nayles . . . . . | ij d. |
| Item, to the pavier . . . . . | xvj d. |
| Item, for nayles and pyns to the sepullere . . . | ij d. ob. |
| Item, for frankencence . . . . . | j d. |
| Item, for weshynge the churche gere . . . | viij d. |
| Item, for tendynge the paschalle . . . . | iiij d. |
| Item, to Thomas Season for mendynge the gable and the chymes . . . . . | viij d. |
| Item, for a yende of a rope to the secounde belle . | iiij d. |
| Item, for mendynge the churche dore key . . . | j d. |
| Item, to them that brought the churche lader out of the castelle . . . . . | ij d. |
| Item, for xij. li. of waxe for the paschalle . . . | viij s. |
| Item, to Yowan Troyte for a belle-rope . . . | xij d. |
| Item, to m^r glasyer for a glassynge borde[2] . . | xvj d. |
| Item, for mendynge ij. banner clothes . . . | ij d. |
| Item, for a pece of a rope to the chymes . . . | v d. |

[1] Cupboard.

[2] It would appear that, when the glazier came to work, a table (board) was made for him at the expense of the churchwardens.

Item, to Thomas Season for pesynge the same rope and the belle-ropis . . . . . vj d.
Item, for rossen[1] to the glasyer . . . . . j d.
Item, to the glassyer for a fortnyghtes worke in saynt Margeretes chapelle and on the southe ylle of the steple . . . . . iiij s. viij d.
Item, for iiij li. of soder . . . . . xx d.
Item, for xx li. of cast lede . . . . . xx d.
Item, to William Marten for fastenynge the glassen wyndos in the body of the churche . . . . iiij d.
Item, to Thomas Cocke, for helpynge the glasyer di. a day ij d.
Item, to the glasyer for xx. li. of lede . . . xx d.
Item, ij. li. of soder . . . . . vij d.
Item, for glace to the steple . . . . . xvj d.
Item, to Thomas Cocke, a days worke . . . iiij d.
Item, for helpynge to remove the lader in the gallerie iij d.
Item, to the glassyer for v. wekes worke and di. . v. s. x d.
Item, a belle-rope to the fyrst belle . . . . ij s.
Item, for makynge of the pascalle . . . . ij s. vj d.
Item, for a lynke . . . . . vj d.
Item, to Jowan Troyte for a lynke . . . . vj d.
Item, for the glassiers borde for v. wikes and a di. . vij s. iiij d.

Summa, iij. li. x s. viij. d.

Item, more for costes as apperith on the other syde . iiij d.

Summa, iij li. xj s.

## Resseytes.

Item, receyvede at Ester . . . . . xxix s. iiij d.
Item, receyvede of William Partryge yonger for halfe a pewe and for the reversyon after Hasylwoodes . ij s. iiij d.
Item, receyvede for the olde tymber that was on the grate vj d.
Item, of the iiij. wardes . . . . . viij s. xj d.

[1] Resin.

Item, of mr Shermon for his close in Galfforde[1] . . viij s.
Item, we have to receyve for John Tornors and his wyfes grave . . . . . xiij s. iiij d.
Item, of mestres Glasser . . . . . vj s. viij d.

Summa iij. li. ix s. j d.

The whole charges of the reparacyons withe alle costes iij li. xj s.
Summa of ther reseyttes amountythe . . . iij. li. ix s. j d.
And so the pareshe remaynithe in dett . . . xxiij d.
wiche they have remyttede, and so quytt.

This accompt was taken before mr Foxe and Richard Langforde, the baylys of the seide towne, Thomas Wheler, Thomas Cother, John Hulke, and others, the vth day of November.

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## Costes and charges doon by me Holle ap Rees and John Clee, churche wardens of Ludlow, in the tyme of mr William Fox and Richart Langfort, then beynge baylifes of the towne of Ludlow, anno Henrici octavi.

### Anno Domini 1545.

In primis, payde for ij. candlestickes that were broken x d.
Item, to Thomas Jevance for Alhallon quarter for blowynge the organs . . . . . viij d.
Item, payde for vij. li. of candles . . . . . x d. ob.
Item, for wyer to the clocke . . . . . ij d.
Item, to the belmon for makynge clene of the churche iiij d.

[1] I have not been able to trace any property in Galford belonging to the church bearing, as we might expect, such a name as Shermon's Close; but it is very singular that there is a court in Galford, on the left-hand side going towards Cainham, which is called Charmer's Court, but which is understood to have derived its name from an old man named, or nicknamed, Dickey Charmer, who went about the town selling fish, &c. and was well known some years ago, and who lived in this court. May not the two names have been confounded, and the name of the Charmer of modern Ludlow have replaced the Shermon of these Churchwarden's Accounts? It is a sort of transformation which is met with not uncommonly in our old towns.

Item, payde for reddynge[1] the churche of stonys . ij d.
Item, payd for mendynge of our Lady belrope . ij d.
Item, payde for a loke to the clocke dore . . . vij d.
Item, payde to Johan Troyte widow for ij. lynkes and for candels to make holye candels . . . . . ij s. iiij d.
Item, for mendynge of the vestrie wyndow and for makynge clene of the ledes . . . . . xiij d.
Item, for a bawdrik to the first belle clapur . . iij d.
Item, for a corde that dyd drawe the clothe in the heye quere . . . . . iij d.
Item, for oyle to the pascalle . . . . . ij d.
Item, for waxe to the pascalle . . . . . iiij s.
Item, spende at the makynge of the pascalle . . vj d.
Item, payde for makynge of the pascalle . . . xv d.
Item, to the blower of the organs for candlemas quarter viij d.
Item, payde for rossen . . . . . j d.
Item, for pynnces and sope . . . . . ij d.
Item, for a corde to the organs . . . . . j d.
Item, for wyer and nayles to mende the chymes . vij d.
Item, for settynge the albus to every vestment . x d.
Item, to ser Richarde Cupper in a reward a peir of gloves price . . . . . ij d.
Item, payde for colles . . . . . j d.
Item, payde for a lynke . . . . . xiiij d.
Item, payde to the servers of wyne on Easter day . ij d.
Item, for settynge up of a loker to drawe the corde before the crucifixe . . . . . j d.
Item, for xij li. of sowder to mende the ledes . . xviij d.
Item, to his servaunt for his wages . . . . ij d.
Item, for a bawdrek to the secounde tenor . . . x d.
Item, payde for a while[2] to the secounde tenor . . xx d.
Item, for settynge up of the while . . . . xiij d.
Item, for mendynge the secounde belle-rope . . ij d.

[1] Ridding, clearing. [2] A wheel.

Item, for a canapye on Corpus Xp̃i day . . . . ij d.
Item, for nayles and pynnes to the canapye . . ij d.
Item, payde for iiij. belropes . . . . . v s.
Item, for a borde and nayles and for mendynge of a dore goynge up to the clerkes chamber . . . . viij d.
Item, payde to Troyte wyfe for a lynke . . . viij d.
Item, payde for lyme . . . . . v d.
Item, for takynge downe the beame in the middle of the churche . . . . . x d.
Item, payde to the pavior . . . . . iiij d.
Item, payde for candles . . . . . ij d.
Item, for mendynge of the wyndow in saynt Margretes chauncelle and for pargettynge the leades to Thomas Season . . . . . iiij s. viij d.
Item, payde to Johan Troyte for a lynke . . . viij d.
To oure clerke for the yere . . . . . xij d.
Item, payde for a sitacon.[1] . . . . . vj d.
Item, to Thomas Season for sowder and for mendynge of the leedes . . . . . vj d.
Item, for makynge clene of the glassen wyndowes . j d.
Item, payde for candles . . . . . iij d.
Item, payde to sir William Wyatt for correkynge of alle burialles and christynynges for the yere . . iiij d.

Summa . . xxiij s.

Summa totalis Holle ap Rees, iij li. iij s. j d. ob.

## Receyttes.

In primis, receyvede of the Easter boke my parte . xvj s.
Item, receyvede of m^r Cothere for the pewe anont the fonte my parte . . . . . xx d.
Item, receyvede of m^rs Poton in parte of payment of vj s. viij d. for the pewe under the pilpitt and the rest to be payde . . . . . v s.

[1] A citation, or summons.

at the feast of the nativitie of saynt John Baptiste then next ensuynge.

Item, receyvede of Elizabeth Glover for her knelynge place behynde the northe churche dore . . . viij d.

## John Clees part.

In primis, payde for a key to the dore that goothe up into the stiple . . . . . ij d.

Item, for makynge of the bow of the keye of the churche dore j d.

Item, payde for mendynge of the payne of glase in the stiple on the southe syde to Thomas Season . xiij d.

Item, payde for makynge of the churche boke to Richarde Tomlyns . . . . . viij d.

Item, to the belmon his quarterrage . . . . ij d.

Item, payde for colles . . . . . j d.

Item, for mendynge of the locke of the lodge dore and a key . . . . . iij d.

Item, payde for a key to the dore at the hede of the dekyn chamber,[1] and to the chamber dore a key . . iij d.

Item, payde to William Powis for a lynke . . viij d.

Item, for mendynge of the glasse in the grett wyndow iiij d.

Item, payde to Thomas Season for mendynge of the vestrie wyndow and makynge clene of the leedes . . xiij d

Item, to William Powis for candles at Christmas . xiiij d.

Item, payde to Phillip Jookes for j. li. of sowder to mende the leedes . . . . . iij d.

Item, for mendynge of the belle-rope to John Taylor . ij d.

Item, for a sheme[2] of wode at the makynge of the pascalle ij d.

Item, spende at that tyme . . . . . v d.

Item, payde for wax to the pascalle my parte . . iiij s.

Item, for nayles and tackes to the sepulcre . . . ij d.

Item, for settynge of the clothe to the churche dore . j d.

[1] The Deacon's chamber. [2] A seam or horse-load of wood.

Item, payde for pynnes and whipcorde . . . j d.
Item, payde for coles . . . . . j d.
Item, payde for xij. li. of sowder to the leedes . . xviij d.
Item, for his servaunt wages [1] . . . . . ij d.
Item, for mendynge of our Lady belrope and the loker iij d.
Item, payde for a while [2] to the first belle my parte . xx d.
Item, payde for makynge of the pascalle my parte . xv d.
Item, for mendynge of the chymes to John Forten . xiiij d.
Item, for mendynge of the stocke of the first belle and for nayles . . . . . viij d.
Item, payde for the mendynge of the first and secounde belropes . . . . . iiij d.
Item, to the blower of our organs for half a yere . xvj d.
Item, payde for mendynge of the berre [3] . . . vj d.
Item, payde for mendynge of iij. cantylcopes [4] . . iij d.
Item, payde to Gers for mendynge the arche . . xij d.
Item, payde for candelles . . . . . j d.
To our clarke for the yere my parte . . . . . xij d.
Item, payde for a sitacon [5] my parte . . . . vj d.
Item, payde for clothe to make an albe . . . iiijd.

Summa, . xxij s. iiij d.

Memorandum, that I John Clee have receyvede for the use of the churche as here after folowith.

In primis, receyvede of the Easter boke my parte . xvj s.
Item, receyvede of m^rs Cother for her pewe my parte . xx d.
Item, receyvede for m^r Harez pytt . . . . . vj s. viij d.

Summa . xxiiij s. iiij d.

And so the seyde churche wardeyn restithe in dett to the churche for his parte . vij s.
which is payde and so quite.

Summa totalis . iij li. v s. iij d.

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[1] The writer has apparently omitted the name of this servant's master. [2] A wheel.
[3] The parish bier. [4] I cannot explain satisfactorily this word. [5] For a citation.

John Belle and William Clonton churche wardens of Ludlow anno Edwardi sexti primo, viz. the xvj. day of November, &c.

Anno Domini 1546.

In primis, payde for syngyng brede at dyverse tymes ij s. viij d.
Item, payde to Hew Watson, for a bawdrike to the first belle . . . . . x d.
Item, for mendynge of our Lady belle whele . . iiij d.
Item, payde for xvj. li. of candeles . . . . . iij s. ij d.
Item, for makynge clene over the hye alter the imagery worke at Christmas . . . . . xij d.
Item, payde for shotynge of the gable[1] to the chymes . iiij d.
Item, for thonges to the sayde gable . . . . . j d.
Item, for wyer and the mendynge of the chymes . viij d.
Item, payde for mendynge of the crosse staffe . . ij d.
Item, payde for canys[1] to sett candelles in . . . ij d.
Item, for shuttynge of the smalle rope to the chymes . ij d.
Item, for mendynge of ij. hammers,[3] a stapulle, and a sprynge, and the settynge on of them . . xvj d.
Item, payde for coverynge of m^r Whittalles grave . iiij d.
Item, payde for colles . . . . . ij d.
Item, for an hammer to the chymes . . . . ij d.
Item, payde for makynge ij. serples . . . . viij d.
Item, for clothe to make ij. serples for the decons . iiij s. viij d.
Item, for iiij. lokers to the belles . . . . . viij d.
Item, payde for a hande to the for belle . . . ij d.
Item, for shotynge and pychynge the secounde tenour rope iiij d.
Item, for pynnes and borde nayles . . . . . j d. ob.

[1] The cable. [2] cans.
[3] The hammers were for the chimes.

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| Item, payde for mendynge of the belles and ropes ryng-ynge at kynges Harry dirge[1] . . . . | iiij d. |
| Item, payde for ij. stapulles to the new hande . . | j d. |
| Item, for haspes and ij. stapulles to our Lady chapelle dore | ij d. |
| Item, payde for hangynge the clothe before the rode . | ij d. |
| Item, for a locke and a key to the dore goynge to the belles | vj d. |
| Item, payde for a trisselle and holy candelles . . | ij s. vj d. |
| Item, for a loker, and pesynge of the for belle rope . | iiij d. |
| Item, payde for tackes . . . . . | j d. |
| Item, for mendynge the secounde tenor while . . | ij d. |
| Item, payde for ij. girdelles . . . . . | ij d. |
| Item, payde for ynkille[2] to make streynges to the amyas[3] | j d. |
| Item, for piche and thonges to meude the chymes gable | j d. |
| Item, for shotynge on hammer and a sprynge . . | j d. |
| Item, payde to William Gers and his man for a day and a half for hangynge the belles whiche were out of the stocke . . . . . | xvij d. |
| Item, payd for mendynge the parich bere . . . | iiij d. |
| Item, to Season for mendynge the chymes and for cuttynge downe the ellors and weedes about the churche . | vj d. |
| Item, payde to Rushbiri man for pysinge[4] of a rope | ij d. |
| Item, for xij. li. of sowder and the workynge of ytt upon the sothe ile of the churche . . . . | v s. |
| Item, payde for cole and woode . . . . | ij d. |
| Item, for the hire of a horse to fache[5] the rope for the chymes . . . . . | viij d. |
| Item, for stele to a hammer, and a sprynge to the chymes | ij d. |
| Item, payde for a gable . . . . . | viij s. |
| Item, payde for a rope to the secounde tenor . . | xiiij d. |
| Item, to Thomas Season for a dais worke of the belle whiles | vj d. |

[1] The dirge celebrated on the death of King Henry VIII. The King died on the morning of Friday, January 28th, 1547.

[2] Tape. See before, p. 7. [3] amice. [4] piecing. [5] fetch.

Item, payde for coverynge m^is^ Rogers grave . . ij d.
Item, payde for wax to the pascalle . . . . ix s. iiij d
Item, payde Thomas Taylor for blowynge the organs ij s. viij d.
Item, payde to Halle . . . . . ij s. viij d.
Item, payde for a rope to the first belle . . . xiij d.
Item, for nayles and tackes to the sepulcre . . ij d.
Item, payde for colles . . . . . j d.
Item, payde for oyle and woode . . . . iiij d.
Item, payde for our brekfastes . . . . . xij d
Item, payde for a rope to the secounde belle . . xiij d.
Item, to Thomas Season for mendynge of the chymes and shotynge of the gable . . . . . v d.
Item, payde to the decons for tendynge the Easter tapur iiij d.
Item, to Rushbiry for mendynge of a cantilcop . . v d.
Item, payde to Stephyn Knyght for nayles . . iiij d.
Item, payde for coverynge of my lady Tounsende mother grave and Alis Bonnettes grave . . . . iiij d.
Item, payde to ser Richarde Copper for the cannoppy x d.
Item, payde to the vycyter servauntes . . . xiiij d.
Item, for a rope to the first mas belle . . . . vj d.
Item, to Season for mendynge the chymes . . . iij d.
Item, payde to Crosse for mendynge of an hammer . ij d.
Item, to Hew Watson for mendynge of the bawdrike to our Lady belle . . . . . ij d.
Item, payde for mendynge of a wayle to the first mas belle ij d.
Item, payde for vij. lynkes to visith withealle . . iij s. vij d.
Item, for a quier of paper . . . . . iij d.
Item, to m^r^ Wyatt for keypinge our boke . . . viij d.
Item, payde for glasynge on the north syde the steple . iij s. iiij d.
Item, for straynyng the newe gable and settynge up iiij d.
Item, for mendynge the for belle whele . . . iiij d.
Summa totalis of reparacons . iij. li. xij s. v d. ob.

The receites by us the saide churchewardens, as here after foloweth, anno et die supra scriptum.

In primis, receyvede at Easter . . . . . xxxij s.
Item, receyvede of the getheringe boke of the comyns [1] ix s. x d.
Item, receyvede for m^r Rogers pytt . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, receyvede for m^r Whittalles pytt . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, receyvede for Alis Bennett pytt . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, receyvede for the pytt of my ladie Towneshendes mother . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, receyvede of Alis Rogers for her mothers pewe . iij s. iiij d.
Item, receyvede of William Chelmyke last of his account vj s. viij d.
Item, receyvede of Leawys Crowther for his debet for his accountes late beinge churche wardeyn . . vj s. viij d.
Summa totalis receps' . . iiij li. v s. ij d.
Item, rest in thandes of Johan Troyte wydow of our pascalle iij. dosson [2] of wax.
And so the acountes restith in debet to the churche of this accounte . . . . . xij s. viij d. ob.
Wherof is remyttide unto the accountauntes . . viij d. ob.
More allowyde to them for necessarie expences . . xij d.

Memorandum, that at this day of accompt, beynge the xvij. day of November, there is grauntyde in reversion to Thomas Blashefilde, bayliff, and John Alsope, a certen pue or sett in the churche late in the occupacion of John Bradshaw, jent., as sone as the same pue shalbe due by the abcenssye,[3] forfeture, or surrender of the saide John Bradshaw.

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[1] The book of the moneys gathered from the commonalty of the town.
[2] dozen. [3] absence.

Paymentes payde by Willyam Chelmyke and Lewys Crowther, churche wardens, then beynge bay[li]ffes John Tayler and John Hoke, viz. in festo Omnium Sanctorum anno primo Edwardi sexti. Anno Domini 1547.

In primis, payde to the glasyares for mendynge the wyndowys about the churche and the mendynge a payne besides . . . . . xx s. viij d.

Item, for xiij li. and a hallf of candelles for the first mas and to rynge curfur[1] . . . . . ij s. iij d.

Item, payde for a doble plate and nayles for the hey chanselle dore . . . . . iij. d.

Item, payde to Thomas Dyke for makynge clene the roode, and the archys, and the glase wyndow. . . xij d.

Item, payde to Thomas Tayler, organ blower, for his wages . . . . . ij s. viij d.

Item, payde to the pavyar for his yeres wages and yeve[2] and candelles at Ester to hange in the churche . xiij d.

Item, payde to Troytes wife and Willus Powys for viij. lynkes . . . . . iiij s. ix d.

Item, payde to Davy Cock for puttynge the snow off the ledes and mendynge a gutter of lede . . . iij d.

Item, payde to hym more for roddes to wynde ij. walles in the churche howse and tylynge the same howse vj d.

Item, payde for a key for the dore behynd the churche dore, and settynge on the locke of the same dore iij d.

Item, payde for ij li. of holy candelles at Candellmas . ij s.

Item, for lynes and cordes to hange the clothe afore the hey alter . . . . . iiij d.

Item, for iiij. clammes[3] for the pascalle bordes . . ij d.

[1] Curfew. [2] Ivy. [3] Iron clamps for fastening boards together.

Item, payde to Troytes wife for a dossen of wax for the pascalle . . . . . vij s.
Item, payde for makynge the pascalle . . . ij s. vj d.
Item, for oyle to the pascalle . . . . . ij d.
Item, for woode and faggottes to make the pascalle . iiij d.
Item, spent on them that made the pascalle . . x d.
Item, payde for pynnes and nayles to the sepulcre . iij d.
Item, to Thomas Season for makynge a new claper and mendynge the olde claper . . . . . vj d.
Item, more to hym for makynge the allelmas[1] upon the pascalle opon Easter day and paper to make them ix d.
Item, paid for treselle and a corde to the organs . ij d.
Item, payde for a mase boke . . . . . v s.
Item, payde for mendynge the chymes at ij. tymes, and wyer for the same, and the sprynge of them another tyme, and a bawdryck . . . . . iij s. v d.
Item, payde to ser Richarde Cuper for makynge the canapie over the sacrament upon Corpus Christi day, and pyns and tackes to the same . . . x d.
Item, payde to Thomas Season and John Tayler for shuttynge[2] the belle ropes at dyvers tymes, and pyechinge them with pyche and talow . . . iiij s. v d. ob.
Item, to Russhebery for mendynge the vestmentes, and for ij. stokes[3] and a hallf of locram to lyne them withalle . . . . . iij s. vij d.
Item, to Richarde Kerver for mendynge the belle while[4] iij d.

[1] The reading of this word is rather doubtful; perhaps it should be *alleluias*.

[2] The word *to shot* or *to shut*, is frequently applied to the bell ropes in the course of these accounts. It perhaps means to piece or mend them when broken. The word is sometimes used in the sense of to strengthen.

[3] yards?

[4] Wheel. This orthography is rather curious, as it would seem to show that the *i* was often pronounced as *e*. It is supposed that in Anglo-Saxon the vowels were pronounced as they are now in German and French, and in most of the continental languages, and that this continued to be the case in Old English down to a rather late date. The period of transition may have been as late as the beginning of the sixteenth century.

Item, to Thomas Season for mendynge the borde over the rode and nayles . . . . . iiij d.
Item, for charcolles to sense withalle on hey dayes . iij d.
Item, payde to William Geyres for mendynge the stocke of the belle . . . . . vj d.
Item, for mendynge the handylles of the belles at tymes viij d.
Item, payde for a locke and hynges to the church yearde dore . . . . . vj d.
Item, payde to Thomas Season for mendynge the parishe bere . . . . . viij d.
Item, payde to hym more for mendynge the ledes and sowder for the same . . . . . ij s. iiij d.
Item, payde for ij. belle ropes . . . . . xx d.
Item, to m^r^ wardene for synginge bred this yere . iij s. iiij d.
Item, to m^r^ Wyatt for takynge payne for us this yere viij d.
Summa iij li. xvij s. j d. ob.

## Receyttes of the parishe by Willyam Chelmycke and Lewys Crowther, churche wardens.

Receyvede at our entrye of John Clee and Howelle Glover, church wardens . . . . . ij s. viij d.
Receyvede at Easter for the pascalle . . . . . xxix s. vj d.
Receyvede of Watter Smycokes for the rest of m^r^ Hares berialle . . . . . iij s. iiij d.
Receyvede of Thomas Heyton for his fathers berialle vj s. viij d.
Receyvede for the berialle of m^r^ Rogers . . . vj s. viij d.
Receyvede of m^rs^ Poton for the rest of her pewe . xx d.
Receyvede of John Lane ffor his wyfes grave . . vj s. viij d.
Receyvede of our gatherynge boke of the parishe, as aperythe . . . . . xiij s. x d.
Item, of the executors of Sybble late wife of John Lane, for her grave . . . . . vj s. viij d.

Item, sett to William Benson a pewe by the rode chanselle, by the consent of m^r^ bayliffes, receyvede of hym for the same . . . . . xx d.

Item, recevide of William Chelmyke for incresynge a pew of Thomas Rascalle a fote of lenthe, and for that charges the sayde Chelmyk most have the other half of Thomas Rascalle pew by ther bothe consentes, receyvede of hym for the gronde . . . iiij d.

Item, sett to Lewys Philipes and Lewys Crowther a pewe wiche of late was Richarde Berys pewe, receyvede of hym for the same . . . . . iij s. iiij d.

Receyvede of master Sherman for that he was left at the gret law day for plowenge a close in Gawforde[1] that shulde have ben comyn that yere, whiche was geven to the churche . . . . . viij s.

Summa, iiij li. xj s. allocatur iij li. xvij s. j d. ob.
et sic debent super compotum, xiij s.

Memorandum, this day and at this accounte grauntyde by Lewys Phillipes, one of the baylifes, and Lewys Crowther, one of the late churche wardens and now on of the accountantes, on pewe whiche late was Richarde Beries, for whiche sayde pewe the sayde Philipes hath relasyde iij s. iiij d., parcelle of the debet that the churche restede in his dett when he was churche warden, and the sayd Crother payde for his parte iij s. iiij d., whiche is payde, as apperithe by this accountt.

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[1] See before, the note on p. 20. The land appears to have been given to the church with a condition that it should not be ploughed the first year.

The charges susteignide by William Hoke and Thomas Coxe, churche wardens of the parishe churche of Ludlow, in anno secundo regni regis E. vj$^{ti}$, as folowithe, viz.

Anno Domini 1548.

In primis, to Thomas Taylor for his ffee for blowinge the organs . . . . . ij s. viij d.

Item, for x̃j. pounde of smalle candelles for the first masse, wherof viij. li. after ij d. the pound, and iij. li. after ij d. ob. the pounde . . . . . xxiij d. ob.

Item, to Thomas Season for shottynge [1] the belle rope ij. tymes . . . . . iiij d.

Item, to the sayde Thomas for shottynge the first belle rope and for ix ringes for the highe aulter clothe and the clothe that hangithe over the organs . v d.

Item, to the sayde Thomas for mendynge of ij. panes of glasse, on in the vestry and thother in our Lady chapelle . . . . . xvj d.

Item, to the sayde Thomas for the while [2] of the first belle xvj d.

Item, to the sayde Thomas for shottinge the gret gable rope . . . . . iiij d.

Item, to the sayde Thomas and Newelles for pentinge [3] of the roode lofte . . . . . xxvj s. viij d.

Item, to the sayde Thomas and others for takynge downe of the roode and the images . . . . vj s. viij d.

Item, to Agnes Troyte, wido, for xvj li. of waxe to make the pascalle after v d. every pounde . . vj s. viij d.

[1] I suppose, splicing the rope. [2] Wheel.

[3] If this means painting, it is rather curious that so much money should have been spent on painting the rood-loft just at this period, when the church was on the eve of being defaced by the removal of so much of its Romish furniture, as we see in the very next entry.

Item, to the saide Agnes and William Powes, for the makynge of the sayde pascalle after xv d. a pece ij s. vj d.

Item, for oyle and for on sheme [1] of woode to the sayde pascalle . . . . . iiij d.

Item, for brekfast after the makynge of the sayde pascalle xij d.

Item, for di. a m. of singinge brede [2] . . . . . ij d. ob.

Item, for an edge to stay the Byble upon the deske . ij d.

Item, to Stephen Knyght for mendynge the locke of the church doore and for a key to the cofer in our Lady chancelle . . . . . v d.

Item, to Richarde Halle for his yeres wages . . xx d.

Item, for nayles to hange up clothes when the images was pullede downe . . . . . iiij d.

Item, to William Gittens for a new lader . . . ij d.

Item, for ij. bandes of iron withe nayles to William Gittens, and the ij. boordes that where put upon the pore mans chest, and for the workemanship therof to hym . . . . . xiiij d.

Item, for a roppe to our Lady belle and a register to the Bible . . . . . xv d.

Item, for a Bible for our partt . . . . . vij s. viij d.

Item, for v. lynckes to Agnes Troytt . . . iij s. vj d.

Item, for di. a m. of singinge brede [2] . . . ij d. ob.

Item, for xxx. pownde of sowder, and to the plymmar and his man, and for v. days werke upon the leedes, after vj d. the day, and the man v d. the day xiiij s. vij d.

Ande for a quarter and vj li. of leede . . . . ij s. j d. ob.

Item, for ix. bushelles of colis [3] . . . . . ix d.

Item, to Richarde Swanson for mendynge the cover of the ffont . . . . . v d.

[1] Load.

[2] *Singing-bread* was the name for the consecrated wafers, of which we here see that half a thousand cost twopence halfpenny.

[3] Coals—no doubt, charcoal.

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Item, to Season for shottinge the first belle rope . ij d.
Item, for iij. maylinge[1] coordes to hange up the vaile in the quyre afore the alter . . . . . iij d.
Item, for nayles to mende the while[2] of the first belle . ij d.
Item, for vj. rynges[3] of lyme to pargitt the ledes . xij d.
Item, to Thomas Cocke and his man for a dayes worke upon the syde leedes in pargettinge the same . xj d.
Item, to Steven Knyght for mendynge the locke of the leedes dore . . . . . j d.
Item, to Richarde Tomlyns for makynge our sertificatt to the visitors[4] at ther beinge here . . xij d.
Item, to Thomas Hony for his ffee . . . . xij d.
Item, for nayles and pynnes to make the sepulcre . iiij d.
Item, for a m. of synginge bredde . . . . v d.
Item, to the decons for rynginge day belle after Easter at Mr baylifes commaundyment . . . . xij d.
Item, to Thomas Rushebury for mendinge the chymes at ij. tymes. . . . . viij d.
Item, for ij. hanginge lockes for the pore man chest . xij d.
Item, to John Shrawley for pentynge[5] the clothe that hangithe bifore the highe aulter and and a other in our lady chapelle . . . . . xx d.
Item, to Coke for whitlymynge the churche ij. dayes worke, and for a busshelle and a whop[6] of lyme . xv d. ob.
Item, to William Marteyne for a dayes worke makynge the rode loft playne[7] . . . . . vj d.
Item, to the deacons for ther pounde of waxe at Ester iiij d.

[1] Perhaps, for binding. [2] Wheel.

[3] Six rings of lime, to parget or rough-cast the leads. The word *ring*, as a measure of quantity, appears to be entirely obsolete.

[4] The king's visitors, who were sent here to examine the amount of superstitious usages existing in the church, and into the claims of the guild.

[5] Painting.

[6] This appears also to be another popular name for a measure the exact meaning of which is now lost.

[7] i. e. defacing the superstitious figures which adorned it.

Item, for half a new roppe, and for shottynge the same, and a roppe for the organs . . . . . xiij d.
Item, to Steven Knyght for a whop of iron to the barrelle of the chymes . . . . . ij d.
Item, for mendynge the tabernacles, and for sowinge the aulbez at Ester, and for weshinge of the same xij d.
Item, for ij m. of synginge brede at Ester . . . x d.
Item, to Thomas Taylor for coverynge the grave over the prisoners . . . . . ij d.
Item, distributede to the poore at Whitsontyde . . ij s. iiij d.
Item, to Geres and Swift for takynge downe of m^r Wyattes chancelle[1] . . . . . xij d.
Item, for cariage of xv. lode of stones to William Hoke to the Galforde . . . . . ii s. viij d.
Item, to Richarde Tomlyns for makynge our loke . viij d.
Summa, v li. viij s. x d. ob.

## Receytes of the sayde churche wardens the saide yere.

In primis, of John Belle and William Clonton late churche wardens . . . . . xj d.
Item, of Robert Mollyngre and David ap Richard for the lofte that saynt George stode one . . . vj s.
Item, of Thomas Hony for the image of saynt George that stode in the chapelle . . . . . xviij d.
Item, of John Coxe for a volt that the saide image stode in . . . . . iijs. iiij d.

[1] It would hardly be possible at present to identify the exact site of the different chancels and chapels in our church mentioned in these entries. My friend Mr. R. Kyrke Penson, who is better acquainted with the history of the fabric of Ludlow church than anybody else I know, and whom I have consulted on this subject, informs me that "the only point about which there appears to be any certainty is that the Lady Chapel was on the south of the church. No one has been able to make out where St. George stood. There were chapels at intervals, as is evident from the existing piscinas, down the north and south aisles, and possibly St. George and St. Margaret may have stood in them. Beawpy's chapel is a puzzle, because the two church aisles which might be called chapels are known to be St. John's and the Lady Chapel."

Item, of William Philipes for a image of Jhesus that stode in Beawpie [1] chapelle. . . . . x d.

Item, of the sayde William for a tabernacle that saynt Margett stode in . . . . . vj d.

Item, of John Season for ij. voltes that stode in our lady chapelle . . . . . xx d.

Item, of Walter Rosse for the dragon that the image of saynt George stode upon . . . . . vij d.

Item, for the tabernacle of the image of saynt Kateryne stode in of Gillmyn . . . . . vj d.

Item, of Walter Taylor for the case that stode in Trynitie chancelle . . . . . ij s. ij d.

Item, of Lewis Crother for the tabernacle that saynt Anne stode in . . . . . viij d.

Item, of Thomas Cother for the olde case of the organs xij d.

Item, for our parte of the olde Byble . . . . iij s. iiij d.

Item, of Stephene Knyght, for a quarter and x li. of iron . . . . . iiij s. iiij d.

Item, of William Bradshaw for iiij. standardes weynge a c and d. and xxvj li. . . . . xxiiij s.

Item, at Easter . . . . . xxxv s.

Item, of Stephen Knyght for a quarter and xiiij. li. of olde iron . . . . . iij s. vj d.

Item, rec. of Burge Jenyns, widow, for her husbandes grave . . . . . vj s. viij d.

Item, of Robert Mason for an other grave . . . . vj s. viij d.

Item, of Richard Handley for Leawis ap Bede grave . vj s. viij d.

Item, of William Hoke for a pew by the rode chauncelle . . . . . ij s.

[1] Churchyard the poet, in his Worthines of Wales, says that Beawpy was buried near the Font, and gives the following account of him :—

> "Yet Beawpy must be nam'd, good reason why,
> For he bestow'd great charge before he dyde
> To helpe poore men, and now his bones doth lye
> Full nere the font, upon the foremost side."

Item, of Thomas Coxe for half the pew withe Robert Adies . . . . . xij d.

Summa . . vj li. ij s. xj d.

So that the accountauntes rest in dett to the churche upon this accounte . . . . xiiij s. j d. ob.

ffinis.

Costes and charges done by us, William Benson and Richarde Stanwey, churche wardens of Ludlowe, anno regni regis Edwardi sexti Dei gratia, etc., tercio. Anno Domini, 1549.

In primis, to Thomas Season for pavynge of saynt John chauncelle, for lyme, and for mendynge the chymes and the cloke . . . . . ij s. iiij d.

Item, payde to Richard Halle for swepynge the churche vj d.

Item, to Thomas Taylor for blowinge the organs . viij d.

Item, to Rushbury for mendynge the chymes . . ix d.

Item, payde for makynge clene the stear goynge up to the belles . . . . . iiij d.

Item, to John Taylor for mendynge of a belle rope . ij d.

Item, payde for mendynge of the parish bere . . vj d.

Item, payde for mendynge of the grate . . . ij d.

Item, for ij. lode of lyme . . . . . ix d.

Item, for a bawdrike to the secounde tenor . . xij d.

Item, for a new belrope to the same belle . . . xij d.

Item, payde for vij li. of waxe to make the pascalle . iiij s. viij d.

Item, payde for the parishe bookes, viz. iiij Mase bookes, one Paraffraces, and viij Salters . . . . xxxvj s.

Item, for sowynge the albus and for threde . . . viij d.

Item, to Sir William Wyat for kepynge the parishe booke . . . . . xij d.

Item, to Thomas Season for mendynge of the belle rope and settynge up of them at dyvers tymes . . ijs. ijd.
Item, payde for a lynke and a tapur to the hie aulter . xij d.
Item, payde to the barbors for makynge of our pascalle ij s. vjd.
Item, for the brekfast at the makynge of the pascalle . xij d.
Item, for xiij li. of candelles . . . . ij s. ix d. ob.
Item, for a li. of wier and a half and on j d. to mendthe chymes and the cloke at dyvers tymes . . . xiiij d. ob.
Item, for a belrope for the secounde belle . . . xxij d.
Item, payde for singinge brede . . . . . xiiij d.
Item, for makynge of the hynges to the church yate . iij d.
Item, payde for a huk . . . . . j d.
Item, for a lok to the same . . . . . ij d. ob.
Item, for a tapur to the first masse . . . . . vj d.
Item, payde for ij. lynkes . . . . . xij d.
Item, to Halle for nayles . . . . . j d.
Item, for ij. cordes to hange lyght at Christmas . . ij d.
Item, for pyns to pyn the aulter cloth at Christmas . j d.
Item, for a belrope for the first belle . . . . . xiiij d.
Item, payde for cordes to the organs . . . . . ij d.
Item, payde for ij. sheme[1] of lyme . . . . . ix d.
Item, payde for a lynk . . . . . vij d. ob.
Item, for whipcorde to hange the cloth before the hye aulter . . . . . ij d.
Item, payde for a ladder to go up to the clok . . iiij d.
Item, to Thomas Season for fachynge home the church ladder whiche was lent before we com in office . vj d.
Item, for paper to pryk songes in for the churche . ij d.
Item, to John Lyngran for settynge the cover over the pylpitt . . . . . xx d.
Item, for a forme for folkes to sytt upon . . . . viij d.
Item, to Thomas Dik for whitlyme[2] the churche . ij d.
Item, for shiftynge of the organs into the hie aulter . ij d.

[1] Load. See before, p. 34.
[2] White-liming, or whitewashing, the church walls.

Item, to Thomas Season and Thomas Dyk for pargettynge the leedes on bothe sides . . . . . xx d.
Item, payde for oyle to the pascalle . . . . . iij d.
Item, to Richarde Halle for makynge clene of the leedes and beynge [1] with them . . . . . ij d.
Item, to the sayde Richarde for his quarteryege for swepynge of the church for iij. quarters . . xij d.
Item, for mendynge of the levis anont the college dore vj d.
Item, for the makynge of our boke to gether our quarterege . . . . . iiij d.
Item, for mendynge of the pypes of the organs to John Broke and Thomas Season . . . . . ij s. viij d.
Item, paide for makynge a hand to our lady belrope . iiij d.
Item, paide for mendynge the parishe bere . . iiij d.
Item, to Richard Halle for blowynge the organs for iij. quarters . . . . . ij s.
Item, for shottynge of the seconde tenor claper . . iiij d.
Item, for mendynge the chymez and the cloke to Thomas Season . . . . . xx d.
Item, paide Thomas Season and his boy for iiij. days worke about the glasen wyndowis in the churche iij s.
Item, payde for a lynk . . . . . x d.
Item, paide for glase and leede . . . . . ij s. vj d.
Item, for the keypynge of our boke alle the yere and the makynge of hym . . . . . xij d.
Summa allo^a . . iiij li. xj s.

## Receites by us the saide church wardenes as here after folowith.

In primis, of Thomas Beadow wif for a pew rowme wher Bewpies chancelle was . . . . . xviij d.

[1] It is not quite clear in the MS. whether the first letter of this word be *b* or *l*, but it seems to be the former.

Item, rec. of Laurance Becke for iiij. bordes . . xij d.
Item, rec. of John Belle for xx. pyllars of m^r Wyat chauncelle . . . . . iij s. iiij d.
Item, rec. of Rees ap Thomas for xvj. short bordes . xx d.
Item, rec. of John Rose for a kervide borde . . vj d.
Item, rec. of Moris Phillipes for iiij. pyllars of m^r Wyat chancelle and for a border . . . . . xij d.
Item, rec. of John Lokier for his wyf pytt . . vj s. viij d.
Item, rec. for Thomas Bowidon pitt . . vj s. viij d.
Item, rec. of the parishe ther quarterege . . . xij s. iiij d.
Item, rec. of the Easter boke . . . . xxxij s. vj d.
Item, rec. for ropes, bordes, and olde tymber . ij s. j d.
Item, rec. of m^r Shorman for the breke closse . . iiij s.
Item, rec. for Wylliam Partrich wifes pitt . . vj s. viij d.
Item, rec. for Robert Hoode pitt . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, rec. of John Newton for the grounde that his pew standes on, wher Cookes chancelle was . xvj. d.
Item, rec. of hym for tymber to make the pew . ij s.
Item, rec. of m^r Shorman Myglemas rent for the breke closse . . . . . iiij s.
Item, rec. of Roger Meysy for an olde coffer . . viij d.
Item, rec. of Richard Stanwey for the reversion of Margery Hoodes pew . . . . . xx d.

Summa . . iiij li. xvj s. iij d.
and so the accountantes restith in dett to the churche upon this accounte . v s. iij d.
Dett to the churche as her after folowith.

Item, rest in m^r Richarde Bradforde handes and William Partrighe of the last acount receites . . xiiij s.
Item, for tymber that m^r Partriche hade not accountede as yet . . . . . xvj d.
Item, of m^r Alsop for the pyllars of the rode chauncelle xvj d.
Item, rest in Johan Troyte handes of the churche goodes ij. dosson of waxe.

Item, more m^r Parteridge the yonger for the carvyde beame in the churche[1] . . . . .

Item, more in thandes of William Benson for leedes that was in the hally water stoke weynge . . .

ffinis.

## The boke of acounts of Antony Atkynson and Edward Cuper, church wardens, in the tyme of Richard Langfford and Thomas Heyton, bayliffes of the towne of Ludlow, in the forthe yere of the rayne of our moste dread soveraigne lord Edwarde the sixt. Anno Domini 1550.

In primis, payd to John Lyngham for the makynge of a seat before the pilpitt in the church . . . v s.

Item, payd for xj. li. of candles, and on penieworth to serve to light in the churche and first comunion . xxiij d.

Item, for mendynge of Roger Meysy chamber wyndow iiij d.

Item, for ij. belropes, the one to the first belle and the other to the secound belle . . . . . v s. ij d.

Item, to Thomas Season, for shotynge of thre belropes vj d.

Item, payd for mendynge of the cloke and chymes, and for wier to the same . . . . . xij d.

Item, for ij. borden of roddes to the house[2] in the churche yeard . . . . . iiij d.

Item, for wyndynge[3] of the walles of the sayd howse . iij d.

[1] This was no doubt the beam the expenses of carving which are accounted for on a former occasion. See p. 11.

[2] No doubt the old timber house still standing there, nearly facing the eastern end of the church. The two burthens of rods were probably the laths or boards used in the walls. This is the date to which we may perhaps trace the present building.

[3] It seems to mean plaistering, or something of that kind; see a few lines further on, where it occurs again.

Item, for a lock to the yate in the churche yearde . iiij d.
Item, to Johan Troyt, for ij. tapers weyinge iij. pound for the first mas . . . . . ij. s.
Item, for lathes and nailes to mend the wyndowis in the steple and other wher . . . . . ij d. ob.
Item, for mendynge of the loke of the churche dore at ij. tymes . . . . . iiij d.
Item, to Thomas Season, for gowinge up into the stiple ij. wyndy nyghtes to save[1] the glase yn the wyndowis . . . . . x d.
Item, payd to Thomas Season and Thomas Dyke for makinge clene of the church walles within the churche, and for whitlymynge the same . . iiij s.
Item, for makynge of the clapper to the fore belle ij. tymes . . . . . xxij d.
Item, payd for pytt lyme to the churche . . . vj d.
Item, to Thomas Season and Thomas Dyke, for pargettynge on the leedes for a day and an half . . ix d.
Item, to Thomas Season, for keypinge the cloke and chymes, belwhiles,[2] belropes, and baudrikes,[3] by the yere . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, to William Powis, for the first masse belrope . vij d.
Item, to Thomas Season for a day and an half in souderinge the leedes . . . . . x d.
Item, payd for a li. and an half of sowdre . . . ix d.
Item, to Richard Halle for blowynge the organs and swepynge the churche . . . . . iiij s. viij d.
Item, payd to Richard Tomlyns, for the parishe boke wryttynge . . . . . viij d.
Item, to Thomas Season, for mendynge of the glasen wyndowis in the steple, and for a new pane . xx d.

[1] *i.e.* to protect.
[2] Bell-wheels.
[3] See this word explained in the note on p. 4.

Item, to the said Thomas for mendynge of saynt Katherine wyndow and for glase . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, for mendynge of saynt Margettes wyndow[1] . xx d.
Item, to the sayd Thomas, for ix. fote of new glasse to the west wyndow in the stiple . . . . vj s.
Item, to Thomas Season, for iiij. dais worke and an half on the leedes . . . . . ij s. iiij d.
Item, to hym for half a day at the whirle yate[2] anont the college dore . . . . . iiij d.
Item, for vij. li. of sowder bestowed upon the leedes iiij s. j d.
Item, payd for colles . . . . . ij d.
Item, payd to William Gillis for carrege of ij. lodes of cley to the house in the churche yeard . . viij d.
Item, to John James for wyndynge and dawbynge ther viij d.
Item, payd for iiij. borden of roodes . . . . viij d.
Item, to Richard Crosse for xix li. of yren to mend the yelde belle clapper . . . . . ij s. iiij d. ob.
Item, to the sayd Richard for mendynge of the said clapper . . . . . ij s. viij d.
Item, for a hynge and the settynge on the yate in the churche yard . . . . . ij d.
Item, for lether to make a new bawdrike to the fore belle viij d.
Item, for vij li. of iron to the clapper of the for belle x d. ob.

Summa . iij li. xij s. j d. ob.

Summa totalis of the receites, as apperithe, iiij li. ij s. vj d.
So the accountauntes owe the churche of this accounte x s. iiij d. ob.
Wherof they ar allowid for consideracions . . x d.
More dd. to the new churche wardens in money of John Alsope, for that he owid to the churche for olde tymber . . . . . xvj d.

[1] I am not aware that there are any remains of this window at present. The figure of St. Margaret was probably represented in the stained glass.

[2] I presume a *whirle-gate* was what we call a turnstile. It probably led into the churchyard opposite (*anont*) the buildings of the College.

Item, received of Johan Troyte, ij. dossen and iiij. li. of waxe

Item, of William Parteriche the yonger, for a karvid beame . . . . . ij s.

Item, of William Benson for d. c. lakkynge iiij. li. of leade.[1]

## The receites by us the forsayd churche wardens, as here after ffolowith.

In primis, received of the Easter boke . . . xxx s.

Item, received for the images, of Richard Lloyde . xiij s. iiij d.

Item, received of William Parterige for a beame . xvj d.

Item, received of Richard Stanwey and William Benson, the rest of ther account the last yere . v s.

Item, received of m^r^ Wylliam Ffoxe for a barre of iron weynge xxx li. . . . . iij s.

Item, received of m^r^ warden Langford, for his wif grave . . . . . vj s. viij d.

Item, received ffor the olde bookes in the churche of the old service . . . . . ij s. viij d.

Item, for tymber solde to m^r^ Passie and Leawys Philipes to make the new pewis . . . . xvj d.

Summa . . iij l. iij s. iiij d.

ffinis.

## Costes and charges don by us, Robert Mason and Robert Mollynger, churche wardens of Ludlow, in tempore Thomas Blashfild and John Coxe tunc ballivis. Anno Edwardi sexti quinto. Anno Domini 1551.

In primis, payd to John Lyngam, for iiij. days worke after viij d. a day, for movinge the pilpett and makynge seetes by the Trynitye chancelle . . ij s. iiij d.

Item, payd to his ij. men for iiij. dayes workyn ther . iiij s.

[1] For half a hundred lacking four pounds.

Item, payd to Thomas Bold and Thomas Dike, for vj. dais worke downe the aulters, after vij d. the day . . . vij s.

Item, payd for caryinge of ramelle[1] out of the churche to iiij. laborars, after vj d. the day, for xviij. dais . . . ix s.

Item, for leed to sowdre the pylpett . . . . . ij d.

Item, for bordes to John Lyngam, for the Trinitie chancelle . . . . . xx d.

Item, to Thomas Beadow, for v. bordes to serve the table for the comynyan and the Trynytie chancelle, after ix d. the bord . . . . . iij s. ix d.

Item, paid for nayles. . . . . ij d.

Item, paid for sawynge the frame to the said table . . x d.

Item, paid to a workman for coverynge of Richard Weston wif grave, and for mendynge of the hooles in saynt John chancelle.

Item, paid to John Taylor for mendynge of ij. belropes . . vj d.

Item, to ij. women for makynge clene of the churche . . iiij d.

Item, paid to William Gers and Roger Swyft, for makynge of the pewis by the rode chauncelle, for vj. dais after vij d. the day . . . . . vij s.

Item, to Thomas Dike, for mendynge of an hoole ther as our Lady aulter dyd stand . . . . . iij d.

Item, to Richard Kerver, for makynge the comynyon table, and for nayles . . . . . iiij s. vij d.

Item, to John Blont for mendynge of a seet in the Trinytie chauncelle . . . . . iiij d.

Item, paid to ij. plommers, for iij. dais and a di. worke on our Lady chauncelle and saynt Margrettes chauncelle, after viij d. the day . . . . . iiij s. viij d.

Item, to the sayd plommers for sowdering . . . . ix s.

Item, to John Broke for mendynge ij. peyre of organs . xij d.

Item, for a hynge and a hoke to the churche dore . . iiij d.

[1] Rubbish.

Item, paid to the dekyns[1] for rynginge of day belle . xij d.
Item, to Richard Halle for his yeres wages for the blowynge the organs and for swepynge the churche . v s. iiij d.
Item, for ij. shem of wood to the plommers . . vj d.
Item, for pesynge of the for belle clapper to Richard Crosse . . . . . xij d.
Item, for the dressynge of the bellmons belle . . xx d.
Item, paid for rushes[2] to the Trinitie chancelle . . ij d.
Item, for makynge of the ij. beeris and for nailes . . iiij s. iiij d.
Item, to Thomas Dike and Thomas Bold, for leynge of the aulter stonys in the midle of the churche . vj s. ij d.
Item, paid for a rope to the secound tenor . . . iiij s. viij d.
Item, paid for a rope to our Lady belle . . . ij s. iiij d.
Item, for iiij. ropes to the organs . . . . viij d.
Item, to Thomas Season for his yeres wages for the chymes and the cloke . . . . . viij s.
Item, to Stephyn Knyght, for mendynge the churche dore loke . . . . . ij d.
Item, paid for viij. li. of candles . . . . ij s.
Item, to Thomas Season for mendynge the secound tenour while . . . . . ij s.
Item, for ij. days worke about the churche house, and for rodes . . . . . xij d.
Item, paid the decons for readynge the first chapter . iij s. iiij d.
Summa . v li. ix d.

## Receites by us, Robert Mason and Robert Mollynger, churche wardens, as here after fowloeth,

In primis, of William Philipes toward the movinge of the pilpett . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, received of m^r John Alsop for an old dett dew to the churche . . . . . xvj d.

[1] Deacons. [2] To cover the floor.

Item, received of Richard Lloyd for a pew place next to John Newton . . . . . ij s.
Item, received of William Phillipes for a pew place . xx d.
Item, received of Anthoni Atkynson for a pew place where the pilpett stod . . . . . iij s. iiij d.
Item, received of Robert Bradoke for a pew place behynde the Trinitie chauncelle . . . . . iij s. iiij d.
Item, received of Richard Kever for a pew place beside the said chauncelle . . . . . ij s.
Item, received of William Bradshaw and Richard Stanwey for the agmentynge of ther pew . . . ij s.
Item, of Richard Rogers for thend of a pew with his brother-in-law . . . . . xx d.
Item, received of John Clee and John Belle for a pew late Jane Fernes . . . . . xiij s. iiij d.
Item, received of William Huke for a pew place next to Howelle ap Rees . . . . . ij s.
Item, received of Richard Adams for a pew place next to m^r^ Cothers . . . . . ij s.
Item, received of Thomas Beadw and Robert Mason for a pew place in the rode chauncelle . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, received of William Benson for the agmentynge of his pew ther . . . . . ij s.
Item, received of John Cox for a pew, late my lady Croftes . . . . . xij d.
Item, received of Robert Mollynger for a pew place next to John Gwynes . . . . . xij d.
Item, received for another pew place next behynde m^r^ Bark, wiche Robert Mason hathe . . . xij d.
Item, received for old brasse of the churche, conteynyng xlv li. . . . . xv s.
Item, received of John Belle for ij. peces of old tymber iij s. iiij d.
Item, received of Robert Mollynger for ij. peces of old tymber . . . . . iij s. iiij d.

Item, of the said Robert for a old coffer at the Trenytie chauncelle . . . . . ij s.
Item, received of mr doctour Leyson for the burialle of his man . . . . . vj s. viij d
Item, received of Richard Weston for his wif pitt . vj s. viij d.
Item, received of my lady Townisend for the burialle of her doughter . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, received of Alis Rogers for stones out of the churchyard . . . . . xvj d.
Item, received for the quarterege boke, as it dothe appere by a boke . . . . . xxxix s. iiij d.
Item, received of Edward Cowper for a pew that was mistres Whittulle . . . . . ij s.
Item, received of the old church wardens of the last account . . . . . ix s. vj d.
Summa of the receyttes of this yere, as apperith true by this boke . . . vij li. viij s. x d.
Wherof they ar allowyd for my lady Towneshendes doughters grave . . . . vj s. viij d., and for the church wardens pew place ij s. . . viij s. viij d.
So remayneth clere to the churche upon this accounte vij li. ij d.
Wherof allowyd to the accountauntes for reparacions of the churche, and other necessarye charges, as apperithe by bylle . . . . . v li. ix d.
So restithe clere . . xxxix s. vj d.
Whiche is paid to the churche wardens of new electid.
Item, more to receive of Johan Troyte for ij. dossen of waxe
Item, more to receive of William Parteriche the yonger for a karvyd beame . . . . . ij s.
Item, more to receive of William Benson for di. c. lakkinge iiij. li. of leade.

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The boke of account of John Hullond and Thomas Franke, churche wardens of the parishe churche of Ludlow, anno Edwardi sexti sexto.

Anno Domini 1552.

In primis, to Watter Rosse, for his pew . . . ij s. vj d.
Item, to Thomas Season, for mendynge the secounde belle whele and for makynge of a hand . . . viij d.
Item, payd for nayles to the table and to the whele . vij d.
Item, payd to the plommer for mendynge the leedes of the churche . . . . . xij s. vj d.
Item, paid to the glasiar for glasynge the wyndos xxviij s. vj d.
Item, paid for xxxij. li. of leed to serve the glasier . iiij s.
Item, for iiij. li. of sowder, to William Bradshaw . iij s.
Item, paid for iij. li. and a half of sowder to the glasier ijs. iiij d.
Item, paid for ij. sheme and a half of wood to Richard Parkes x d.
Item, paid for iij. sheme of wood . . . . xij d.
Item, for ij. cordes to bend the glasiars ladders . . ij d.
Item, paid for rossen and salt . . . . . ij d.
Item, paid for iij. belropes . . . . . iiij s. xj d.
Item, for makynge of Hew Davis pew, and for a borde xij d.
Item, for cadis and nayles to the communion table . j d.
Item, paid for settynge up of the stear goynge up to the cloke . . . . . xij d.
Item, for mendynge the for belle whele . . . ij d.
Item, paid for wier to the chymes . . . . v d.
Item, for whitlymynge the churche, to Lewis the tylour . . . . . x d.
Item, paid for lyme . . . . . ix d.
Item, paid for makynge of the churche yate, and for tymber and nayles, to William Gyttyns . . xiiij d.
Item, for makynge the walle at the churche house, and for rodes . . . . . iiij d

Item, paid to Thomas Rushbery for settynge the chymes vij s.
Item, to the sayd Thomas for rynginge day belle . . xij d.
Item, paid to Richard Halle for his wages . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, paid for candles to serve the churche . . iij s.
Item, paid for mendynge the bere at ij. tymes . . v d.
Item, paid for swepynge seynt John chauncelle ij. tymes iij d.
Item, for settynge a barre to the churchgrate and a bost[1] for hym . . . . . iij d.
Item, for mendynge the texe in the hye chauncelle . ob.
Item, to Lewis Gwyn for ij. days worke in the churche xviij. d.
Item, to John Smyth for ij. sheme of wod to the plommer . . . . . ij d.
Item, for candles and nayles to the plommer . . ij d.
Item, paid to the plommer for vij. li. and di. of sowder v s.
Item, paid to the plommer and his man for a day and di. xx d.
Item, payd to Rushberie . . . . . iij s. iiij d.
Item, payd for ij. bookes to the churche . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, payd for brede and wyne . . . . . xiiij d.
Item, payd for xvj. li. of leed to ley on the churche . ij s.
Summa . . . vj li. vij s. viij d.

## Receites by us the said churche wardens, as here after ffolowithe.

In primis, received by thandes of m^r Blashfild and m^r Cokes . . . . . xxxix s. vj d.
Item, received of Edward Cuper . . . . xvj d.
Item, received of Lewis Capper . . . . . xiij s. iiij d.
Item, received of Richard Ffern for a pew ground . ij s.
Item, received of John ap Ywen for a pew ground . xx d.
Item, received of Robert Draper for a clothe . . ij s. iiij d.
Item, sold Thomas Rushbiry, a clothe for . . . vj s.
Item, received for the pitt of John Smyth clerke . vj s. viij d.
Item, received for the pitt of John Clee . . . vj s. viij d.

[1] This is a word with which I am unacquainted, but perhaps it is a corruption of *boss*.

Item, received of John Sutton and William Carpynter for a pew place . . . . . ij s.
Item, received of Edmond Bolland for a pew place . ij s.
Item, for a pew place beneth Robert Mollyngers pew, for John Holland and Thomas Ffranke . .
Item, received of William Benson for a pew place . xij d.
Item, received of the parishners for ther quarterage xxxij s. viij d.
Summa of the receytes . . v li. xvij s. ij d.
And so they accountauntes restethe in dett to the churche upon this account . . ix s. ij d.
More in the handes of Johan Troyte wydow, one dossen and xj li. of waxe, prece.
Wherof allowyd to Thomas Rushburie for dyvers consideracions . . . . iij s. vj d.
So restithe . . . vj s.
More to be received of Edmond Shermond for the bryk closse due at Michelmas last viij s.
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## Costes and charges don by us, Watter Symcokes and William Beadow, church wardens, anno primo Marie regine.

### Anno Domini 1553.

In primis, to John Thacher, for weshynge of the walles and for mendynge of the walles . . . . viij d.
Item, to William Gyttyns for makynge of the knelinge place about the Lordes table, for nayles and blockes vj d.
Item, for the makynge of v. bawdrekes to the belles, and stuf to ytt . . . . . x s. ij d.
Item, payd to Richard Halle . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, ffor candles to the prestes, to the decon, and to James Wiltes . . . . . ij s. vj d.

Item, paid for movinge of the pewis, for nailes and workmanshipe, and for other stuff, the xviij. day of Februari . . . . . ix s. x d.
Item, paid for wier to the chymes and the cloke . xij d.
Item, paid for makynge of the arme of the bere, and for mendynge of the bere at ij. tymes, and the leof of the grate at tymes . . . . . xj d.
Item, for a locke to the churche yate . . . . iiij d.
Item, paid for the makynge of Thomas Rushburi sirples[1] at ij. tymes . . . . . ix d.
Item, paid for wyne and bred on Palme Sonday evyn, and on the day . . . . . xxj d.
Item, for xxxj. quartes of wyne from Palme Sonday untille the Easter wike,[2] and for bred . . . viij s.
Item, to Rushbury for ryngynge of day belle . . . xij d.
Item, paid to Richard Kerver, for iiij. belleropes and di. and for the crosse staffe . . . . viij s.
Item, paid for mendynge the aulter clothe . . . ij d.
Item, paid for iiij. cordes to the organs at dyvers tymes iiij d.
Item, for makynge of the fformes in saynt Margettes chanselle, for the leadz ther . . . . xvj d.
Item, paid for nayles to the same . . . . vj d.
Item, paid for fformes to the same . . . . x d.
Item, to Rushbiry for mendynge of the chymes . ij s. ij d.
Item, to Stephen Knyght for his workmanship . . xvj d.
Item, for settynge a loke on the cloke house dore, and for the loke . . . . . iiij d.
Item, paid to John Barker for mendynge of the leedes in the northe ile . . . . . viij d.
Item, to Thomas Season for glasynge of the wyndowis and for mendynge of the same . . . xxiij s. iiij d.
Item, payd for lyme . . . . . xv d.
Summa . . . iiij. li. v s. j d.

[1] Surplice. [2] week.

## The receites of us the said churche wardens, as here after ffolowithe.

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| In primis, of m^r bayliffs, for the dettes of the last account . . . . . | vj s. |
| Item, received of William Benson for Allhollon chaunselle . . . . . | x s. |
| Item, received of John Belle for seynt Stevens chaunselle . . . . . | vj s. |
| Item, of m^r bailiffes for ther pew . . . . | |
| Item, of the chamberlene Edward Cupper for his pew . | |
| Item, of Watter Symcokes and William Beadoo for ther pew . . . . . | |
| Item, received of Laurence Becke and Richard Parkes for ther pew place . . . . . | iij s. iiij d. |
| Item, received of Humfry Hynton and John Sothern for ther pew place . . . . . | xx d. |
| Item, received of John Gr. showmaker and John Gregory, for their pew place . . . . . | xx d. |
| Item, received of John Newton for an old tabernacle | xx d. |
| Item, received of Richard Carpynter for his pew ground | ij s. |
| Item, received of John Beado and John Brasyer for their pew ground . . . . . | xx d. |
| Item, received of John Bubbe and Richard Adams for their pew place . . . . . | ij s. |
| Item, received of Edward Dowghtie and Adam Maneley for their pew place . . . . . | ij s. |
| Item, received of Richard Farre and William Tandy for ther pew place, iiij s. rec. . . . . | iiij s. |
| Item, received of John Gr. senior and Richard Gilmyn for ther pew place . . . . . | xx d. |
| Item, received of William Eaton and [1] pew place . . . . . | xx d. |

[1] The blank is left in the original.

Item, received of Robert Covelle and John Wilson for their pew place . . . . . xviij d.
Item, received of Richard Cupper for his pew place . xij d.
Item, received of John Clee and Hew Cubley for ther pew place . . . . . xx d.
Item, received of mr Shermond for the bryk close for one year ended at Mychelmas last . . . viij s.
Item, received wyklie for the money called the charitie money, after viij d. the wek for xxxij. wekes . xxj s. iiij d.
Summa of alle the receytes of the churche wardens this yere . v li. ij s. j d.
Wherof they ar allowyd, as apperithe by bill iiij li. v s. j d.
So they rest indettid to the churche upon this account . . . . . xvij s.
More in thandes of Johan Troyte widow one dossen x li. of waxe . . .
Of whiche said some of xvij s. ther is payd to Richard Crose for mendynge the clapper of the grett belle . . . . . v s.
More to Thomas Season in parte of xxvj s. viij d. due to hym for iiij. copes bought of hym and restored to the churche, withe v s. of old dett, and for ij. latteyn candelstickes . . . . . xij s.
So ther restithe due to Thomas Season . . xiiij s. viij d.
Finis.

## Thomas Beadow and Thomas Blakbage, churche wardens in the yere of John Taylor and Edmond Shermon, bayliffes, anno primo et secundo Philipi et Marie. Anno Domini 1554.

In primis, payd to Thomas Season, whiche the parishe was indetted at our comynge to our office . . xv s. iiij d.
Item, to Richard Halle for his yeres wages . . . vj s. viij d.
Item to Thomas Season, for hanginge of the lampe and for cordes . . . . . xij d.

Item, to the sayd Thomas, for half a rope and for mendynge of the ropes . . . . . xij d.
Item, paid for candles at dyvers tymes . . . xxij d.
Item, paid for mendynge of the grate . . . iiij d.
Item, paid for a tonaculle [1] to cary hally water . . ij s. x d.
Item, fòr hangynge of the sauntes belle, and for the corde ij d.
Item, paid for albis, cordes, and candles at Christemas . xij d. ob.
Item, paid for makynge the hie aulter . . . xj s.
Item, for mendynge of the ropes at master Langford beryinge . . . . . viij d.
Item, paid for mendynge of the ropes, and for pentynge[2] over the hie aulter, and for makynge the ffoote to the treselle . . . . . viij d.
Item, paid to William Powis for a rope and a lynke . ij s. x d.
Item, for makynge clene of the grate, and for a tapur to the first mase . . . . . xiij d.
Item, paid for a rope to the gild belle . . . xx d.
Item, for a canape for the pyxe, and for a cord to the organs . . . . . xvj d.
Item, paid for a belle rope . . . . . xvj d.
Item, paid for the settynge up of the rood . . . iiij d.
Item, paid for weshynge of the clothis . . . iiij d.
Item, paid to iij. workmen for swepynge the churches walles iij s. ij d.
Item, paid for wyer to mend the chymes . . . iiij d.
Item, paid for ffrankensence . . . . . ij d.
Item, paid for coolis [3] . . . . . iij d.
Item, paid for a tapur . . . . . iij d.
Item, paid for tymber to the pascalle . . . . vj d.
Item, paid for a rope . . . . . xviij d.
Item, paid for ij. bawdrikes . . . . . xvj d.

[1] I have not met with this word in any sense which could be accepted here. *Tonnycle* is given in the Promptorium Parvulorum as the English name for one of the ecclesiastical vestments. Perhaps it is here merely the diminutive of *tonne*, or *tunne*, explained in the Promptorium by the Latin *dolium*.

[2] The word here appears evidently to mean making a pentice.

[3] Coals.

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| Item, paid for a lynke to William Powis . . . | x d. |
| Item, for faggottes . . . . . | j d. |
| Item, for makynge the iee of the clapper . . . | xiiij d. |
| Item, to Richard Swansey for iij. ropes . . . | iiij s. |
| Item, paid for mendynge of the ffonte . . . | iiij d. |
| Item, for a corde to the organs, and nayles . . | ij d. |
| Item, for sawynge the tymber that went to the while of the belle . . . . . | ij d. |
| Item, paid to ij. workemen . . . . . | vj d. |
| Item, paid for a lynke . . . . . | viij d. |
| Item, paid for nayles . . . . . | ij d. |
| Item, for half a c. of cloute nayles . . . . | iij d. ob. |
| Item, for a c. and an half of gret tackes . . . | iij d. |
| Item, for nayles at on other tyme . . . . . | iij d. ob. |
| Item, paid for spyke nayles . . . . . | j d. |
| Item, for a spoke of a while, to Thomas Season . | ij d. |
| Item, paid for rydinge of the steres of the stiple . . | ij d. |
| Item, paid to John Blunt for iiij. days worke . . | iij s. |
| Item, paid for the reparacions of the belles, and for a new while, and for hangynge of the seconnd belle at the same tyme, to Thomas Season for v. days worke . | iij s. iiij d. |
| Item, for the shutynge of the gild belle rope . . | iiij d. |
| Item, for the hongynge of the pixe over the aulter . | xiij d. |
| Item, paid for the cochynge of the belle, and for iron that went to the while . . . . . | xiiij d. |
| Item, paid for ij. ropes to the organs . . . . | ij d. |
| Item, for mendynge of the bere . . . . . | ij d. |
| Item, paid for bordes to the belle while . . . | xij d. |
| Item, to a workeman for a days worke at the churche gate, and for mendynge of the pewis . . . | viij d. |
| Item, paid for bordz and postes, with a lach to the gate | xij d. |
| Item, for a rope to the organs . . . . . | j d. |
| Item, to m^r Shermon for iiij. sheme of lyme . . | xij d. |

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| Item, paid the deken at Easter . . . . . | xviij d. |
| Item, for porrelz[1] for albis . . . . . | vj d. |
| Item, for shotynge of ij. ropez at Ester . . . | iiij d. |
| Item, for naylz and pynnez to the sepulcre . . . | v d. |
| Item, for pentynge of the post to the pascalle . . | vj d. |
| Item, paid to John Allen for gildynge of the rode . | xij s. |
| Item, for the settynge up of the rode and pullynge yt downe agaynne . . . . . | xij d. |
| Item, paid to m^r Blashfild for waxe . . . . . | v s. vj d. |
| Item, paid for makynge of the pascalle . . . | xx d. |
| Item, to Richard Swansay for a pece of tymber to the pascalle, and for iiij. staffes to the canopie, and for the indeces, and for mendynge the bere . . | v s. viij d. |
| Item, for the crose clothe . . . . . | iiij. d. |
| Item, for shottynge of iij. ropes, and settynge up ij. new ropes . . . . . | vij d. |
| Item, for shottynge of iij. ropes, when the ronge bishop Samson in[2] . . . . . | vj d. |
| Item, for mendynge of iij. ropes, when we dyd rynge at the mariage of the kynge[3] . . . . . | vj d. |
| Item, paid for vj. ffote of new glase in seynt Mergrettes chauncelle . . . . . | iiij s. |
| Item, for mendynge more there . . . . . | vj d. |
| Item, for mendynge of the glassen windowes in our Lady chauncelle and in Katerin chauncelle . | ij s. |

[1] The exact spelling of this word is a little doubtful in the manuscript.

[2] This must be Richard Sampson Bishop of Lichfield, who had held the high office of Lord President of Wales and the Marches from 1543 to 1548, when on the accession of Edward VI. he was removed, but he was perhaps temporarily restored on the accession of Mary.

[3] Another hand has written over the line "*Ph*'," *i. e.* Philippus. The marriage of Queen Mary with Philip of Spain took place on the 25th of July, 1554, with which day, which was now called the first day "of the first and second year of the reign of Philip and Mary," began the new regnal year, which will be found at the head of the present churchwardens' year.

Item, payd for shottynge of ij. ropes on Alhallen daye iiij d.
Item, payd for makynge clenne of the church yerd . iiij d.
Item, payd for ij. poundes of candles . . . . v d.
Summa . . xlix s. vij d.
Summa totalis . . vj li. iiij s. x d. ob.

## Receittes by us the forsaid churche wardens, to the use of the churche, as here after folowith.

In primis, receved of our quarterege boke, as hit dothe appere by our boke . . , . . . xxvj s. ij d.
Item, receved at Easter . . . . . xxxv s. vij d.
Item, receved of m^r^ Richard Langford for his fathers pytt . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, receved of the sayd m^r^ Langford for ij. pewis, whiche were his fathers . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, receved of m^r^ Debton for his dowghter pitt vj s. viij d.
Item, receved of m^r^ Foxe and m^r^ Passy for a pew iij s. iiij d.
Item, receved of m^r^ Barnabie and m^r^ Ellis for a pew xiij s. iiij d.
Item, receved of m^r^ Shorman for a pew place at Alhallon chauncelle . . . . . xij d.
Item, receved of Humfry Season for a pew place . xviij d.
Item, receved of Smalez pitt, servant to m^r^ justes . vj s. viij d.

Pittes unpaid.

Item, for Edward Cupper pitt . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, for Edward Colly pitt . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Summa . . vj li. xj d.
Summa of alle the receittes of the church wardens this yere . . . . . vj li. xj d.
Wherof they are allowid, as apperith by bille . v li. xix s. x d. ob.

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The boke of accomptes and charges layd out by us, Richard Farre and Laurence Becke, churche wardens eleet and chossen for the yere of our Lord God 1555, by particulars as followythe.

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| In primis, delyvered the xxviij. day of November for the furst masse and to burne in the lamps ij li. of candelles . . . . . | v d. |
| ij. ounces franke and sens[1] at . . . . . | j d. |
| To Rushebery to rynge courfur[2] ij li. candelles . . | v d. |
| Mor to the pristes, the x$^{th}$ day of December, for furst mase on pound candelles . . . . . | ij d. ob. |
| Paid for a sklyce[3] to cary fyer to the churche . . | x d. |
| Paid ffor mendynge of the locke and a new kaye for the stiple dore at . . . . . | iij d. |
| Paid William Marten for iij. dayes worke removynge the pewis in the lower end of the churche, at x d. | ij s. vj d. |
| Paid Roger Swyfte for iij. dayes worke apon the same peuys . . . . . | ij s. iij d. |
| Paid Holand the carpender, for iij. dayes worke apon the same peuys . . . . . | ij s. iij d. |
| Paid for ij. bordes for the same peuys, at 6d. . . | xij d. |
| For c. borde nayles for the same pewis . . . | x d. |
| Paid for iij. peyre hynges for the same at 4d. . . | xij d. |
| The xxiiij day of December for the fyrst mase j li. of candles . . . . . | ij d. ob. |
| To Rusheberie, to burne in the vestrie on Christmas day in the mornynge, a bushelle of charcolles at . | iiij d. |
| And to hym, the same day, for the lampe j li. of candles . . . . . | ij d. ob. |
| On new yeres even, ij. ounces ffranke and sens, at . | j d. |

[1] *i. e.* frankincense. [2] curfew.

[3] In the dialects of the West of England a fireshovel is still called a *slice*.

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| The iiij$^{th}$ day of Januarii, to the pristes for the furst masse ij. pound candelles at 2d. ob. . . . | v d. |
| Paid for clensynge the leedes at . . . . . | iiij d. |
| A nelle and half dowles [1] to make iij. amysses at 14d. | xxj d. |
| For makynge and strynges for the same, at . | ij d. |
| A pound candelles for first mase . . . . . | ij d. ob. |
| Paid for removinge the clocke to the secound tenor, and mendynge the whelle of the clocke . . . | ij s. |
| Paid Thomas Season, for shuttynge iij. of the belle ropes | vj d. |
| And to hym for mendynge the sencer . . . | iiij d. |
| Paid more to hym for shuttynge ij$^{o}$. belle ropes . . | iij d. |
| Paid Rushberi for mendynge ij$^{o}$. coopis, on of red velvet, the other red sylke, and for apparalynge of ij$^{o}$. albes | v d. |
| Paid Thomas Season, for pully to the organs, and shuttynge the secounde belle rope . . . . | iij d. |
| To hym for hangynge the clothe before the rood in Lent, and iij$^{o}$. cordes for the same . . . | iiij d. |
| Paid for fastenynge our Lady belle and the new belle in ther stockes . . . . . | iij s. iiij. d. |
| Paid for mendynge the wevers [2] sute of vestements, and a coope withe whyt lyos, and ij$^{o}$. other coopis withe the flowerdeluce, to Thomas Rushberi . | vj d. |
| For the same, v. yeardes cheker las [3] . . . . | iij d. |
| In blacke thred and red . . . . . | ij d. |
| Paid good wyffe Troyte, for ij. li. half wax for the holy candelle . . . . . | ij s. vj d. |
| And half a roope for the new belle . . . . | ij s. iiij d. |
| Paid John Blount, for mendynge the wyndles in the stepulle at . . . . . | xiiij d. |
| Paid for mendynge claper of our Lady belle, and the claper of the thrid belle, and the claper of the yeld [4] belle . . . . . | iij s. iiij d. |

[1] Dowlas, a sort of coarse linen imported from Britany.

[2] Perhaps the ceremonial dress of the weavers, mended now for some special occasion.

[3] cheker lace. [4] *i. e.* Gild.

For mendynge gugyne,[1] and settynge upright the secound belle xij d.
For a new bawdricke for our Lady belle . . . xviij d.
To make the pascalle, v. li. waxe at xij d. . . . v s.
To Humffry Belleman for his ffees at the makynge the pascalle . . . . . iiij d.
Paid for mendynge the bere . . . . . iij d.
In nayles for the same bere . . . . . iij d.
In pyns and poyntes to dresse the canpie[2] to beare over the sacrament on Palme Sonday . . . ij d.
In great tackes to dresse the sepulcer . . . . iij d.
Payd for a fylle[3] of tymber for the gratt in the churche yeard at . . . . . x d.
Paid Stephen Knyght for ij. hynges for the same . viij d.
For shutynge[4] on of the old hynges . . . . ij d.
And for nayles for the same gatt . . . . iiij d.
Paid John Blunt for on borde, and mendynge the same gatt xv d.
Paid Wryght the kerver, for mendynge the bere . iiij d.
Paid Rushebery for mendynge a coope of the gyst of mr Foxe, and paralynge[5] the albes . . . ij d.
Paid John Blount for tymber and mendynge the bere x d.
Paid Rusheberi the xviij. day of September to rynge curffur j li. of candelles at . . . . . ij d. ob.
A rope to the organs at . . . . . j d.
A lynke for visytynge at . . . . . x d.
In franke and sence . . . . . j d.
Paid Humfry Belleman for makynge clene the churche ij s. viij d.
Paid John Smythe, baker, for carage of tymber out of Ludford to make the grate . . . . . vj d.
And for carage of a lood stonys from the Friers[6] to the sayd grate . . . . . iij d.

[1] The gudgeon was the large pivot of the axis of a wheel. [2] The canopy.
[3] I am unacquainted with this term, which is probably a local word for a certain quantity. [4] Fixing on. [5] Perhaps for appareling.
[6] The Austin Friars, in Goalford, the ruins of which monastic house had at this time already become a great source of building and other materials.

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| And for carage of ij. loodes mouke[1] from under the gratt | vj d. |
| To John Raynoldes for iij. days woorke about the grate at | xviij d. |
| And to hym for carage of ramelle and stones from the grate . . . . . | ij d. |
| Paid to John Alyan for pentynge the crosse clothe . | vj s. viij d. |
| The xvj. day of November a pound of candels . . | ij. d. ob. |
| To James Wylles to rynge day belle, a pound candels . | ij d. ob. |
| Money more to hym to bye candles to rynge . . | j d. |
| Paid to m^r masson for a pes of tymber for the grate | vj s. viij d. |
| Paid to Perton for ij d. sawynge for the grate . . | ij s. vj d. |
| Paid for j li. of candles for the furst masse . . . | ij d. ob. |
| Paid for j. lode of tymber for the grate from Ludford | ij d. |
| Paid to Marten and Swyft, for iiij. dayes worke upon the grate . . . . . | iij s. ij d. |
| Paid to Rawlens and Heynes for makynge clene the grate hole . . . . . | vj d. |
| Paid m^r Pooton, for a pece of tymber for a gutter under the grate . . . . . | x d. |
| Paid to Powes, for a lynke to goo a vysettynge upon our Lady day before Christmas . . . . . | x d. |
| Paid to Troyttes wyff the same day, for j. li. of syzes[2] . | xij d. |
| Paid for ij. cordes for the organs . . . . | ij d. |
| Paid to Wryght the joyner, for iij. deskes for the hyghe chauncelle . . . . . | ij s. x d. |
| Paid for cordes to hange evy[3] and candelles upon at Christmas . . . . . | vj d. |
| Paid to Troyttes wyff for d. j li. of syzes upon new yers day . . . . . | vj d. |
| Paid for ij. li. of candles for the mydes of the churche upon Christmas day . . . . . | v d. |
| Paid to Troyttes wyff for j. li. of syzes upon Sonday after xij. day . . . . . | xij d. |

[1] Muck.

[2] Sixes, as it is written in another place.

[3] *i. e.* ivy.

Paid to Thomas Wylson, to make clene on of the leades ij d.
Paid to William Powes, for a lynke upon the Sounday after Candelmas day, to goo a vysettynge . . x d.
Paid for half a j. li. of frankeinsence and poynttes for the canapie the same day . . . . . v d.
Paid to John Sothern, for iiij. bushelle of lyme to ley the stones in saynt Johns chauncelle, over m^r^ Langfordes grave, and to mend the wyndow in our Lady chauncelle and other places . . . . xij d.
Paid to John Raynoldes, for fechynge of sande, and the temperinge of the lyme and sande, and servynge the pavyor of the same . . . . . vij d.
Paid to Thomas Season, for makynge the sepulcre, and takynge downe the clothe over the roode, and pyns and tackes . . . . . xvj d.
Paid to John Blunt for the tymber of the sepulcre, and his helpe to the makynge of the same . . vj s.
Paid to Steven Knyght, for makynge of viij. rynges and viij. staples and a hoke of yron for the sepulcre . xij d.
Paid to William Powes, for ij. lynkes at Ester to bere before the sacrament . . . . . xx d.
Paid to William Powes, for a tapur for the sepulcur . vj d. ob.
Paid to Powes for makynge the pascalle . . . xj d.
Paid for a corde for the organs . . . . . j d.
Paid to Troyttes wyf for a lynke, that Rushebery sett to goo a wyssettynge . . . . . viij d.
Paid for a chyme rope . . . . . ix. s. iiij d.
Paid for iij. half ropes at saynt Laurence fayer[1] for the belles . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Paid to Thomas a Crew for ij. bawdrykss for the great belle, and mendynge of an old bawdryke . . ij s. viij d.

[1] A fair was perhaps held on the day of St. Lawrence, the patron of the Church, the dues, &c. of which went to the Church.

Paid to Humfrey the belman, for blowynge the organs ij s. viij d.
Paid for j. li. of candles delyvered to ser Richard Cuper for the fyrst masse . . . . . ij d. ob.
Paid for j. li. of candles delyvered to James Wylles for day belle . . . . . ij d. ob.
Paid for j li. of candles delyvered to the basse for the furst masse . . . . . ij d. ob.
Paid to Troyttes wyf for half j. li. of waxe syzes . . vij d.
Paid for candles delyvered to James Wyles to rynge day belle . . . . . j d.
Paid for candles for Lygan at the stokynge[1] of the belle j d.
j. elle of fyne Holland for the crosse clothe . . xxiij d.
Paid for a sensor and a ship,[2] to m^r Masson . . xxj s.
Summa vij li. iij s. iiij d.

## Receyttes of money by us the forsayd churche wardens.

Receyved at Ester for the parte of money payd at the receyvinge of the sacrament . . . . . xl s.
Received of m^r Whytlege for the beryalle of a straunge man in the churche . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Received of m^r Whellex for the berialle of his wif . vj s. viij d.
Received of m^r Taylor for the berialle of his wif . . vj s. viij d.
Received of m^r Cox for the berialle of his doughter . vj s. viij d.
Received of m^r Alsope for the berialle of his wife vj s. viij d.
Received for a pewe in the lower end of the churche set to Richard Rascalle and Edmund Hountte . vj s.
Received for the ground of a pewe before saynt Johns chauncelle set to Resse ap Thomas . . . xiiij d.
Received of William Bedow for the olde rope of the chymes ij s. iiij d.

[1] ? fixing.

[2] The vessel in which the frankincense was kept, and which in the medieval Church was made in the form of a ship. Ducange, under the word *Navis*, quotes the will of a bishop of Beauvais, dated in 1217, who left to his cathedral, among other things, "calicem unum aureum, et *navem* argenteam, et missale."

Received for a pewe behynde the northe dore set to William Parteryge Walker . . . . . ij s. viij d.
Received for a parte in a pewe behynde the sayd northe dore set to Henry Jonys . . . . . xij d.
Received for the grounde of a pewe before the southe dore to Thomas Hount and Saunders Willyams[1] ij s. viij d.
Received of Rychard Langham for a lyttelle pewe behynde the sayd northe dore . . . . . xij d.
Received for getherynge of the quarterege boke in money xxxv s. xd.
Summa . . vj li. vj s.
Received more of m^r Langford, for iiij. peces of tymber . xij d.
Received for a parte in a pewe in the lower end of the churche next to the place of saynt Stevens chauncelle, to John Rawlyns . . . . . ii s. viij d.
Item, the churche wardens most receave of m^r Shermond for the bryke closse[2] . . . . . viij s.
So that the parishe restithe in the churche wardens dette v s. viij d.
For the whiche some of v s. viij d. m^r baylifes hathe graunted the sayd churche wardens a pewe at the nether yende[3] of the churche, one the right hand the wedynge dore late in the tenure of m^res Hudson, payinge unto the new churche wardens, over the same some of v s. viij d. . . . . iij s.

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The accomptes of suche charges as we, Robert Lewys and Rychard Rascolle, beynge electyd churche wardens in the yeare of our Lord 1555, have ben charged in the tyme of our offyce untylle the feast of Symon and Jude thappostelles, then next ensuyeng, viz. 1556.

In primis delyvered to James Wylles j. li. of candles, to rynge day belle withe . . . . . ij d. ob.

[1] These last three words are added in a different hand.

[2] This "brick close" is not unfrequently mentioned in the course of these Accounts, but its exact position is not described.

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| Item, delyvered to Rushberi j li. of candles to rynge curfur with . . . . . | ij d. ob. |
| Paid for a cord to the organs . . . . . | j d. |
| Delyvered to ser Rychard Cowper, ij li. of candles for the fyrst masse and for the lampe . . . | v d. |
| Paid to Johan Troyte, for j li. of waxe that was delyvered in the tyme of Thomas Blackbacche and Thomas Bedo . . . . . | ix d. |
| Item, paid to the sayd Johan, for j li. and dim. of waxe, that was delyvered in the tyme of Laurens Becke and Rychard Farre . . . . . | xviij d. |
| Paid to Phelyp tynker for mendynge a censor and the fote of the holy water potte . . . . . | vj d. |
| Paid to Rychard Swanse, for a rope to the fyrst mas belle . . . . . | xvij d. |
| Paid to Thomas Season and to John Blont and hys man for a dayes worke and dim. in the hangynge of ij. belles in the steple . . . . . | iij s. iiij d. |
| Paid to Crosse for the mendynge of a gogyng[1] to the fore belle . . . . . | iiij d. |
| Paid to the sayd Crosse, for nayles and the settynge on of the locke of the sowthe dore . . . . . | ij d. |
| To the sayd Crosse for mendynge the locke of the weddyng dore . . . . . | ij d. |
| Item, to Crosse for the locke and the key of the northe dore . . . . . | ij s. |
| Item, to Crosse for a locke to the steple dore . . | vj d. |
| Item, to Crosse for a key and nayles to the vestry dore | xiiij d. |
| Item, for a hocke[2] that was made for the gable of the castylle . . . . . | xij d. |
| Paid to Rychard Swanse for ij. ropes, one for the fore belle, and the other for the secound belle . . | iiij s. x d. |

[1] The gudgeon was the large pivot of the axle of a wheel.

[2] A hook.

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| Paid to the sayd Rychard for nayles and for the naylynge of the cover of the font . . . . . | j d. |
| Paid for a corde to the organs in the lofte . . . | j d. |
| Delyvered to the pavyer ij li. of candles for Christmas day in the mornynge . . . . . | v d. |
| Paid to the sayd pavyer toward the coordes and the yvye at Christmas . . . . . | iiij d. |
| Paid to Johan Troyte for a lynke of 3 li. 3 quarters for to vysete withalle . . . . . | xviij d. |
| Paid to the sayd Johan for j. li. of syses agaynst Christmas | xij d. |
| Delyvered to Rusbery j li. of candles for curfur . . | ij d. ob. |
| To the sayd Rusbery of frankeinsence . . . | j d. |
| Paid for the berynge of the gable ropes and the pullese [1] into the castle . . . . . | ij d. |
| Delyvered to ser Rychard Cupper and to ser Thomas Charme ij li. of candles for the fyrst mase and the lampe | vj d. |
| Paid to Walter Whyte for wryttynge the booke of the paryshyoners names . . . . . | ij d. |
| Delyvered to Rusbery j. li. of candles . . . . | iij d. |
| Paid to Crosse for iiij. plates to the fore belle . . | ij d. |
| Paid to John Dowghton for the bendynge [2] of a prycke songe booke . . . . . | iiij s. |
| Paid to Johan Troyte for iiij. li. of waxe and for the makynge of the same for the holy candle . . | iiij s. |
| Paid to the sayd Johan for j. li. of syses and for a whope[3] of charcoles . . . . . | xv d. |
| Paid to Rychard Farre for iij. ellys and a half of dowles[4] to make Rusbery a syrples . . . . . | iiij s. |
| Paid to Marget Newalle, for the makynge of the same . | vij d. |
| Paid to Phelyp tynker for the mendynge of the corps belle | xij d. |
| Paid to Rusbery for a lynke . . . . . | xij d. |

[1] pulleys.

[2] binding, which appears to have been expensive at this time; or this book must have been very richly bound.

[3] Probably some local name for a measure of charcoals. [4] Dowlas, see before, p. 15.

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| Delivered to Rusbery j. li. of candles for curfur . . | iij d. |
| Delivered to Rychard Cupper in candles for the fyrst masse | j d. |
| Paid to Thomas Season for glasynge of viij. fote in saynt Mergetes wyndow . . . . . | iiij s. viij d. |
| Paid for lyme to set up the sayd pane . . . | j d. |
| Paid to the sayd Thomas for the shuttynge of iiij. of the belle roopes . . . . . | viij d. |
| Paid to the sayd Thomas for puttynge the corde of the lampe into the tryselle . . . . . | ij d. |
| Paid to Crosse for mendynge the locke and makynge a bolt of saynt Johns chapelle dore . . . . | iiij d. |
| Paid to Thomas Season for hangynge the clothe before the roode . . . . . | iiij d. |
| Paid for cordes and packethrede for the sayd clothe agaynst Palmsonday . . . . . | viij d. ob. |
| Paid to the sayd Thomas for hangynge the loker and fastnynge the coordes to draw up the clothe . . | ij d. |
| Paid for iij. lode of lyme . . . . . | xviij d. |
| Paid to Thomas Dyke and Lewys Gwyn for ij. days worke and a halfe in swepynge the walles of the churche and whytlymynge the porche . . . . . | iij s. v d. |
| Paid for pyns, poyntes, and packethrede, for the canapie upon Palmsondaye . . . . . | j d. ob. |
| Paid to Thomas Turner for mendynge the pascalle stocke | iij d. |
| Paid to Rychard Farre for x li. of waxe to make the pascalle . . . . . | ix s. ij d. |
| Paid to Johan Troyte for makynge the pascalle . . | xvj d. |
| Paid to the pavyer for his fees . . . . . | iiij d. |
| Paid for half a pound of frankincense . . . | iiij d. |
| Paid for rosen agaynst Ester . . . . . | ob. |
| Paid for a bushelle of charcoles [1] . . . . . | iiij. d. |

[1] This is I think the first of these Accounts in which the word charcoals is used, and it would seem to show that the use of mineral coals was becoming more common. *Charcoal* is found as the interpretation of *carbo* in the Promptorium Parvulorum, the English-Latin dictionary of the middle of the fifteenth century.

Paid for ij. tapers of j. li. for the sepulcre . . . xij d.
Paid to John the laborer for mendynge the rayle of the steyr of the clocke house . . . . . j d.
Paid to John Newton for skowrynge the plate of the crosse staf and settynge the same upon a staffe that the sayd John gave to the paryshe . . . iiij d.
Paid to Walter Bold for makynge the holy water stoone iiij s. iiij d.
Paid to John Smythe for karyenge the sayd stone to the churche . . . . . iiij d.
Paid to Rusbery towardes a breckfast for the ryngers of day belle . . . . . xij d.
Item, in pyns and in whypcorde for the sepulcure . ij d. ob.
Paid to Thomas Season for shuttynge the rope of the fore belle . . . . . ij d.
Paid to the sayd Thomas for dressynge of the sepulcre xij d.
Item, to William Benson for j. c. of tackes to the sepulcur ij d.
Paid to Thomas Turner for mendynge the bere . . ij d.
Paid for 3 burthen of roodes[1] to wynde the wals of the store howse . . . . . vj d.
Paid to Johan the laborer for comynge and wyndynge of the sayd walles . . . . . iiij d.
Paid to Thomas Season for v. li. of sowder to sowder the leades of the churche . . . . . ij s. vj d.
Payd to Margery Davys for the karyage of the mucke owt of the churche yearde that was throwen owt of the leades . . . . . ij d.
Paid for woode and cooles that sowdryde the leades . iiij d.
Paid for rosen to the sayd leades . . . . . ob.
Paid to Crosse for makynge a staple to the thyrde belle iij d.
Paid to Rusbery for the mendynge of the wevers vestment and for ij. coopes of red velvet . . . iiij d. ob.
Paid for pyns and poyntes for the canape agaynst Corpus Christi tyde . . . . . j d.

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| Paid for a corde to the organs . . . . . | j d. |
| Paid to Wylliam Beado for a borde to make the crosse dore in the churchyarde . . . . . | xj d. |
| Paid to Gryffethe for ij. ledges and for the makynge of the dore . . . . . | vj d. |
| Item, for nayles to the saide dore . . . . . | j d. ob. |
| Paid to Crosse for the makynge of a bokle to the baldryke of the secounde belle . . . . | ij d. |
| Paid for ij. halters for the organs . . . . | ij d. |
| Paid for ij. lynkes that we helde by the pascalle upon Ester day in the mornynge . . . . . | xx d. |
| Paid to Season for mendynge the balyse[1] of the organs | ij d. |
| Paid to the sayde Season for glasynge of iiij. fote in saynt Katerynes wyndow . . . . . | ij s. viij d. |
| Paid for lyme to set up the sayde glasse . . . | j d. |
| Paid for the makynge clene of the steyres of the steple | iiij d. |
| Paid to John Dawghton, for the bendynge of iiij. Processionales and for the mendynge of one Antyphonar[2] | iij s. viij d. |
| Delyvered to John Broke in paper ryalle . . . | ij d. |
| Paid the pavier his fees for makynge clene the churche and for the organs . . . . . | v s. viij d. |
| Paid for ij. hookes to hange the churchyarde dore . | ij d. |
| Paid for a lynke of iij. li. iij. quarters . . . . | xviij d. |
| Paid to Thomas Season for a loker to the great belle and for shuttynge the rope of the seconde belle . | iiij d. |
| Paid to the sayd Thomas for mendynge the candelstycke of the hyghe alter . . . . . | iiij d. |
| Paid to the sayd Thomas for a borde that mendyde the wheles of our Lady belle and the secounde tenor | ij s. |
| Paid for nayles that mendede the sayd wheles . . | ij d. |
| Paid for mendynge the sayde wheles . . . . | v d. |
| Delivered to James Wylles in candles to rynge day belle with | j d. |

[1] Bellows.

[2] These were of course two of the important books of the Popish service, the Processional and the Antiphonary.

Delyvered to Rusbery in candles to rynge curfur . iij d.
Item, in candles to James Wylles to rynge day belle . iij d.
Paid to Thomas a Crew for the mendynge of the bawdryke to the thyrde belle . . . . . iiij d.
Item, in candles to Rushbery for curfur . . . iij d.
Delivered to ser Thomas Charme and ser Rycharde Cupper ij. li. of candles for the first masse and the lampe . . . . . vj. ob.
Paid for dyggynge and syftynge of iiij. loode of sande for the steple . . . . . viij d.
Paid to John Smythe for the karyage of the sayde iij. loodes . . . . . xviij d.
Item, for the karyage of the sayde sande into the steple xx d.
Item, for the makynge cleane of saynt Johns leades, and of the steple leades, and for the karyage away of the same . . . . . iiij d.
Paid, to Phelyp tynker for x. li. of sowder to sowdre the leades of the steple . . . . . v s.
Paid for woode to melt the sowdre . . . . . iiij d.
Item, for rosen and talow for the leades . . . ij d.
Paid for iij. c. and x. li. nayles to William Benson for the leades . . . . . xx d.
Paid to a workeman that attendede upon Phelyp tynker, and also that karyede the leade out of the steple . vj d.
Paid to Phelyp for leynge the leades of the steple xxvj s. viij d.
Paid to Johan Troyte for a lynke of j. li. qr. . . vj d.
Paid for a rope for the great belle . . . . ij s. vj d.
Item, to Richarde Farre, for two unces of frankeincense iiij d.
Paid to Thomas Season for shuttynge the rope of our Lady belle . . . . . ij d.
Paid to Johan Troyte for ij. cordes for the organs . ij d.
Paid to the sayde Johane for half a pounde of syses agaynst Halowtyde . . . . . vij d.
Payd to James Wylles in candles to rynge day belle . j d.

Paid to Margery Pyrne for iiij. yeardes and dim. of heere clothe[1] for the hyghe alter . . . . . iij s. ij d.
Paid to Rushbery for the sowynge of the sayd heere clothe j d.
Paid to the sayd Rushbery for thapparelynge of a dornyx albe[2]. . . . . j d.
Paid to m^r Person, for kepynge the parishe boke
Delivered to the pavyer a corde for the baylise of the organs j d.
Summa . vij li. iiij s. ob.

## The accomptes of the receytes that we the sayd churche wardens have receyvd for the churche within the tyme of our offyce.

In primis, of William Beado for the grave of a condemnyd man . . . . . viij d.
Item, of the parishe at Ester . . . . . xxxvj s. ix d.
Item, for the graves of m^r Lokyer and his wyff . xiij s. iiij d.
Item, for the grave of Walter Brocton . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, for the grave of William Parteryge . . vj s. viij d.
Item, for the grave of William Clere . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, of Laurens Becke and Rychard Farre for a pewe in the west end of the churche, late in the hold of Margett Hodson . . . . . iij s.
Item, of Robert Strynger and Walter Jones, for a pew in the northe syde of the churche, late in the hold of m^r Lokyer . . . . . vij s. ij d.
Item, of Robert Lewys and Rychard Rascolle, for a pew in the west end of the churche, late in the hold of m^rs Calfyld . . . . . vj s. viij d.

[1] Hair-cloth.

[2] Dornik, or Doornick, is the Flemish name for the town which the French and English call Tournay, where formerly a flourishing trade was carried on in linen manufactured there. The alb here mentioned was no doubt made of Tournay linen. At this time, for several reasons, an extensive trade was carried on between our country and Flanders.

Item, for as moche as mr Mason hathe bowght of mr Cother the interest of his pew over agaynst the pulpit, we have sett to the sayd mr Mason the sayd pew, in satisfaccion whereof the sayd mr Mason hath surrenderyd unto the paryshe hys interest in the pew withe Thomas Beado.

Item, of the paryshnors, as yt apperythe by the quarteryge boke . . . . . lj s. v d.

Item, received of Thomas Beado for the interest that mr Mason had in his pew . . . . . iij s. iiij d.

Item, of John Season for a pew in the mydle of the churche late in the hold of Willyam Parteryche thelder . . . . . xx d.

Summa of recettes . . vij li. iiij s.

So the churche restithe in the churche wardens dett 0 ob.

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## Reparacions done upon the churche and other necessary charges therunto belonginge, disbursed and payd by Richard Pooton and Rychard Tomlyns, churche wardens ffrom the ffeast of alle seyntes in anno Domini 1556, for and in the tyme of one whole yere then next ensuynge, viz. unto the seid feaste anno Domini 1557.

In primis, payd to Thomas Rusheburie for syse to rynge corfur from the tyme of our entrye in to our office untille Candlemas . . . . . ix d.

Item, to James Rigmayne for syse to rynge daybelle durynge the said tyme . . . . . ix d.

Item, to ser[1] Thomas Chyrme for a pound of tallow candles to say the furst masse . . . . . iij d ob.

[1] It may be perhaps well to remark that *ser*, or *sir* representing the Latin *dominus*, was the usual title of a priest, or of any one who had taken his first university degree.

Item, to ser Rychard Cuper for another pound of candles to the same use . . . . . iij d. ob.

Item, to the sayd ser Richard for a pound of smale tallow candells for the lampe in the myddle of the churche . . . . . iij d. ob.

Item, to William Powis for a pound of sise for the quere at mattens and evensonge . . . . . vj d.

Item, to Agnes Troyte, wido, for another half pound of syse to the same use . . . . . vj d.

Item, to William Powis for a lynke of iij li. and a half, delyvered unto ser Thomas Chyrme to burne at the elevacon of the sacrament at the furst masse xij d.

Item, to the sayd William Powis for another lynke delyvered to ser Richard Cupper to the same use of ij poundes and a half . . . . . viij d.

Item, Thomas Season for iij. triselles for the great organs ij d.

Item, to Antony Atkynson for ij. poundes of wyre to amende the chymes . . . . . xvj d.

Item, to Thomas Season and Thomas Rushburie for amendynge the sayd chymes . . . . . xiij s. iiij d.

Item, to the sayd Season for a pere of cruettes of tyne for the highe chauncelle . . . . . xij d.

Item, to the sayd Season for a locker to the gret belle . ij d.

Item, to Stephen Knyght for a longe stalke of iron of iij. fote to amende one of the hammers of the chymes and makynge a clyp of iron to blase the sacringe belle of a fote and a half longe and a pyne of iron of a fote longe for the chymes and iij. gret nayles for the same belle and amendynge the same . . xviij d.

Item, to William Powis for another half a pound of syse for the quere . . . . . vj d.

Item, to ser Thomas, another pound of tallow candles for the furst masse . . . . . iij d. ob.

Item, to Agnes Troyte, for a lynke of a pound and a half to visett withe . . . . . ix d.

Item, to Thomas Dyke and Leawys Gwyn, for a days worke a pece in swepynge the churche walles agaynst Christmas . . . . . xx d.

Item, to the pavier for ij. pounde of tallow candles for the churche at Christmas . . . . . vij d.

Item, to the sayd pavier to bye hollye and evye agaynst the same tyme . . . . . iiij d.

Item, to William Powis for a pound and half of syse agaynst the same tyme . . . . . xviij d.

Item, to hym for a lynke of iij. li. and iij. quarters to lyght at after evensonge, to synge carolles at the same tyme . . . . . xij d.

Item, to Thomas Ffranke for ij. cordes to the organs . ij d.

Item, for a quarter of frankensence . . . . . ij d.

Item, for charke cooles [1] . . . . . iiij d.

Item, for one rent bord to amend the bere . . ij d.

Item, to Roger Swyfte for amendynge the same bere . ij d.

Item, for borde nayle [2] to amend the same bere . . j d.

Item, to William Powis and Agnes Troyte for a pound of syse . . . . . xij d.

Item, to the sayd Agnes Troyte for a lynke of iiij. poundes to visett withe alle . . . . . xviij d.

Item, to Thomas a Crew for a baldrope for the secounde belle . . . . . xx d.

Item, to Thomas Season for hanginge up the sacringe belle and puttynge the same into the olde stocke . vj d.

Item, to the sayd Thomas for shuttynge ij. olde belle ropes ij d.

Item, for a rope for the chymes of xl. ffeadome,[3] and another rope for the same use of xv. ffeadome . viijs. ix d.

[1] Charcoals. [2] Board-nails.

[3] Forty fathoms. It appears that ropes of great magnitude were fetched from Worcester.

Item, for the cariage of the same from Worceter to this towne . . . . . xij d.

Item, to John Broke for paper to pricke songes for the churche . . . . . ij d.

Item, to Philip tynker for mendynge the lampe in the highe chauncelle . . . . . xij d.

Item, to Thomas Season and Thomas Rushburie for hanginge up the same in his olde place . . ij d.

Item, to William Powis for a corde of viij. ffedome to hange up the same . . . . . viij d.

Item, to the sayd William Powis for a lynke to visett with alle . . . . . xiiij d.

Item, for ij. pounde and an halfe of waxe to make the holy candle at Candelmas . . . . . ij s. vj d.

Item, to Stephen Knyght for mendynge the goodgyn[1] of the secounde belle . . . . . ij d.

Item, to Thomas Season, Rushburie, and Humfry Season, for ther labors in remueinge the saide belle, and amendynge the brasse about bothe goodgynes . vj d.

Item, to the said Thomas Season for amendynge the sencer . . . . . ij d.

Item, to William Powis for a lynke of iij. li. to visitt with alle . . . . . xij d.

Item, for pynnes and poyntes upon Palme Sondaye, to tye up the coverelett in the churche over the offringe place . . . . . ij d.

Item, for tacke nayle and borde nayle for the sepulcre, to Rychard Kerver . . . . . v d.

Item, for pynes for the same . . . . . j d.

Item, for whipcoord to draw the curten of the same . ij d.

Item, to Rusheburie for a pound of tallow candles . iij d. ob.

Item, for nayles for the Judas crosse . . . . . j d.

[1] The gudgeon. See before, p. 67.

Item, for a pece of tymber and mendynge the same, to Thomas Turnor . . . . . ij d.
Item, to Agnes Troyte, for a lynke of ij. pounde and half to visitt with alle . . . . . x d.
Item, for 8 bz. of charke coole agaynst Easter . iiij d.
Item, to Richard Season for makynge clene the stayres of the steple . . . . . j d.
Item, to William Powis for a quarter of syse afore Easter . . . . . iij d.
Item, to Thomas Season for hanginge the clothe over the roode upon Palme Sonday, and the locker for drawinge the same . , . . . . . vj d.
Item, to hym for iij dayes worke in settynge up the sepulcre . . . . . xviij d.
Item, to hym for makynge and kervinge the image for the resurrexcion . . . . . xviij d.
Item, the pavier for his ffees . . . . . iiij d.
Item, to Rushburie for makynge a brekfaste to those that rynge daybelle in the Easter weke . . xij d.
Item, to William Powis for syse againste Easter . j d.
Item, for iiij. pounde of waxe to William Powis towardes the makynge of the pascalle . . . . . iiij s. viij d.
Item, to Hew Taylor for vij. poundes of waxe for the same use . . . . . viij s. ix d.
Item, to William Powis for makynge the same after the rate of j. d. the pounde. . . . . xj d.
Item, to hym for ij. lyttle tapers for the sepulcre . ij d.
Item, to hym for makynge the toppe of one of them anewe after hit was burnt out in the sepulcre . j d.
Item, for ij. lynkes to the said Powis agaynst Easter . xx d.
Item, for half a pounde of rosen . . . . . j d.
Item, for a quarter of a pounde of waxe to closse the stocke to William Powis . . . . . iiij d. ob.

Item, to James Willes for iiij. burden of roddes[1] for the house in the church yearde . . . . . viij d.
Item, to John of Dynham, for ij. burden to the same use . . . . . iiij d.
Item, for stedes to put in the wales . . . . . j d.
Item, for nayles . . . . . j d.
Item, to William Powis for a lynke of ij. poundés and half to visitt withe . . . . . x d.
Item, to John Smythe, for iij. lode of cleye for the church house . . . . . xij d.
Item, to x. bushelles of lyme to plaster the same house ij s. vj d.
Item, to Thomas Willson, for iiij. dayes worke in wyndynge, plastringe, and whitlymynge the said house ij s. iiij d.
Item, to John Hannse for reparinge and makynge a newe of ij. olde pewes at the northe dore, a daye . viij d.
Item, to Anne of the Cornelle, for swepinge and makynge cleane alle the nether parte of the churche . ij d.
Item, to Rycharde Kerver for nayles to amende the same ij d.
Item, for bordes and nayles, tymber for the same, to the said Hannce . . . . . xx d.
Item, to Thomas a Crew for mendynge the baldrop[2] of the secounde belle . . . . . iiij d.
Item, to hym for mendynge the baldrope of the first belle . . . . . iiij d.
Item, to Thomas Season for mendyng the candlestycke of the highe alter . . . . . vj d.
Item, to hym for knittinge iij. belle ropes . . . ij d.
Item, to William Powis for a lynke of ij. pounde and a half . . . . . x d.
Item, to Thomas Ffranke for iiij. cordes for the organs iiij d.

[1] Laths. They were used apparently for repairing or enlarging the timber house in the churchyard, which appears to have been done to a considerable extent in this year.

[2] Another form of baldrick.

Item, to John Rawlyns for mendynge the baldrope of the Lady belle . . . . . viij d.

Item, to Stephen Knyght for makynge a new baldropez buccle for the sayd belle . . . . . ij d.

Item, to hym for makynge the brastes [1] and other iron worke for the great belle, and for xxxj. nayles for the same . . . . . iij s.

Item, to Thomas Season for iij. fote of glasse and half, and the leede, and sowder for the same, and puttinge the same in saynt Mergarettes chauncelle window . . . . . ij s. iiij d.

Item, for mendynge of a pane of glasse to hym in the southe yle, and leede and sowder . . . vj d.

Item, for a fotte of new glasse to amende the same pane, and lede and sowder . . . . . viij d.

Item, for swaile for a saunce belle [2] . . . . . ij d.

Item, for shotinge the roopes of the gret belle and seconde tenor . . . . . iiij d.

Item, for vj. ringes for the organs to the seid Season, and sowinge them withe amblettes [3] . . . vj d.

Item, to Stephen Knight for ij. hokes and a staple for the churche yearde gate . . . . . vj d.

Item, to John Blunte for xx. rent boordes to amende the windowes in the steple . . . . . vj s.

Item, to hym for iiij dayes worke there, and amendinge the dore goinge to the colledge, after x d. the daye iij s. iiij d.

Item, to one laborer withe hym iiij. dayes . . . ij s.

Item, to another ij. dayes. . . . . xvj d.

Item, to the sayde Blunt for a longe planke . . xij d.

Item, to hym for a lader to go out of the belle house downe to the chymes . . . . . viij d.

[1] A word I have not met with elsewhere, nor do I know its meaning.

[2] The saints' bell, or small bell which called to religious services.

[3] Also a word I have not previously met with.

Item, to hym for ij. peces of tymber to amende the sayde dore . . . . . iij d.

Item, to Robert Mason for xv. sawede boordes to slore[1] the seconde lofte in the steple . . . . xv s.

Item, to Richard Kerver, for nayles for to nayle the same, and the boordes in the sayd windowes . xij d.

Item, to William Merteyne and John Blunte, for a dayes worke a pese in mendynge the grett belle . . xxij d.

Item, to iij. laborers withe them the same daye . . ij s.

Item, to William Powis for half a belle rope for the gret belle . . . . . ij s. viij d.

Item, to Richard Crosse, for mendynge the locke of the vestrye dore, and makynge a newe keye to the same, and for iiij. gret new nayles . . . xvj d.

Item, to Walter Bolde, for a dayes worke in settynge in the tablettes of leede in the walles over the northe side of the churche, and plasteringe the same, and for his man . . . . . ij s.

Item, to Rusheburie, for a pounde of candles to rynge curfur . . . . . iij d.

Item, to James Willes for another pounde of candles to rynge daye belle . . . . . iij d.

Item, to ser Thomas Cherme and ser Richarde Cupper, for a pounde of candles to saye the first masse . iij d.

Item, to William Powis, for a lynke of ij. poundes and half, to visett withe . . . . . x d.

Item, to hym for a li. of syse against Allhallontide[2] . xij d.

Item, to Andrew Sonybanke, for iij. ounces of silver for the fote of the grett chalice, after v s. the ounce xv s.

Item, to the seid Andrew, ffor an olde angelle[3] and half to gilde the same . . . . . xvj s. vj d.

[1] This means apparently to cover or strengthen the second floor, but I have not met with the word elsewhere.

[2] All Saints' day.

[3] An angel was a gold coin of the value of 6s. 8d. (which became a lawyer's fee), but an *old* angel appears at this time to have been of considerably more value.

Item, to hym for workinge of the same, beinge x^en ounces after the rate of x^d. the ounce . . . viij s. iiijd.
Item, to William Powis, for ij. linkes of iij. poundes a pese to visett withe . . . . . ij s.
Item, to Richarde Swanseye, for half a belle rope for the secounde belle . . . . . ij s. j d.
Item, to the pavier for his ffees for makynge clene the churche and blowinge the organs . . . v s. iiij d.

Summa . . ix li. xj s. iij d.

Receyved the said yere by us, Richard Pooton and Richard Tomlyns, churche wardens, to the use of the parishe, towardes the reparacons of the same churche, and other necessarye charges therunto belonginge, the particuler summs of money subscribed.

In primis, received of John Buston, for his quarterage, unpaid alle the last yere, towardes the reparacons of the churche . . . . . iiij d.
Item, of m^r Wheler, for his late wifes grave in the churche . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, of Mores Philipes, for the like for his late wif . vj s. viij d.
Item, at Easter of houslinge people[1] . . . xxxiij s. iiij d.
Item, of m^es Bradforde, for her late husbandes grave in the churche . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, of Richard Blashefilde, for his ffathers grave in the same churche . . . . . vj s. viij d.

[1] Communicants. To *houscle*, in old English, meant, to administer the sacrament. The word in Anglo-Saxon was *husliian*, to make the offering, and *husel*, or *husol*, meant the offering of the sacrament.

Item, of the inhabitantes for ther quarterages for the whole yere . . . . . lij s. j d.
Item, of John Shermond, for his mothers grave in the churche. . . . . v s. viij d.
Item, of our m^rs^ of the vj. men for the amendynge of the grett chalice, and the gildinge of the same, withe the workemanship of the goldsmythe . . xl s.

Summa . . viij li. viij d.

Memorandum, that we Richard Pooton and Richard Tomlyns, churche wardens, have graunted, withe the consent of m^r^ bailifes the seid yere, the pewis under written unto the persons subscribed for the somes of money upon ther names apperinge.

In primis, graunted and sett unto Mergett Ockley, the iij^d^ parte of a pewe at the nether ende of the churche, withe good wife Sharwleye and good wif Troyte, for . . . . . xviij d.
Item, to Edmonde Cother, for his late mothers pewe at the nether ende of the said churche . . . iij s. iiij d.
Item, to Walter Bolde, a olde pewe at the northe dore for . . . . . xx d.
Item, to m^es^ Partriche, widow, the iiij. parte of a pewe with Hary Jonys wif and others, at the said northe doore for . . . . . xij d.
Item, to William Pike, for a pew at the southe dore, late Peter Ffourdes . . . . . ij s.
Item, to John Bottfilde and John Taylor, penter, for a new pewe at the northe dore . . . . iij s. iiij d.

denyed upon considera-con. { Item, to John Shermonde, for iij. pewes, late Edmunde Shermonde his father, wherof one at the weddinge doore, another behind the northe dore, and the other on the northe yle, ageinst the pullpitt; after the rate of iij s. iiij d. a pese[1] . . . x s.

Item, to Richard Tomlyns, a pew late John Gwynis wifes father decessed . . . . . ij s.

Item, to William Philipes the yonger, one pew, surrendred to the churche by Robert Mason, and late in the tenure of Thomas Cother . . . xij d.

Summa . . . . xv s. x d.

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So the churche owith the churche wardens 0.

Memorandum, leyd out and paid by me, Richard Blasfild and William Bradshalle, churche wardens, in anno Domini 1557, and endede of the same in anno Domini 1558.

Item, paid to James Willes for candles to rynge day belle viij d.

Paid for nayles to mend the secounde belle . . . j d.

Paid for nayles to fastene the stocke of the same belle . iiij d.

Paid for candles for the ij. pristes to singe the first mase vj d.

Paid to Rushebery for candles . . . . . iij d.

Paid for clystes to make[2] handes . . . . . vj d.

Paid for tymber to fasten the iij. whelles[3] . . . iij d.

Paid to Mitten and his man for iij. dayes workeinge upon the lokers and the handes . . . . v s. iij d.

[1] This item is cancelled in the original.

[2] I suppose that the word *hands* means here, handles; and that *clystes* were some materials used for making them. In old French the word *clister* meant, to cover with rags.

[3] Wheels.

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| Paid to Thomas Season for glassinge the churche . | iij s. iiij d. |
| Paid for a baudrycke for the secounde tenor . . | ij s. ij d. |
| Paid for nayles and ij. pices yeorne [1] for the secounde belle | viij d. |
| Paid for candles to the belle man to serve at Christmas | vij d. |
| Paid for ij. li. of sysses to William Powis . . . | ij s. |
| Paid for ij. lynkes for the quier . . . . . | xx d. |
| Paid for ij. pounde of candles d. ser Rychard Cupper for first mase . . . . . | vij d. |
| Paid Rusbery for j. pound of candles . . . . | iij d. ob. |
| Paid for cordes to the organs . . . . . | ij d. |
| Paid for one burelle [2] of colles . . . . . | ij d. |
| Paid for a lynke to Johan Troyte . . . . | x d. |
| Paid for frankensens . . . . . | iij d. |
| Paid for j. li. candles d. ser Rycharde Cupper . . | iij d. |
| Paid for j. li. candles d. Rusberi . . . . . | iij d. |
| Paid for woode . . . . . | iiij d. |
| Paid Richard Smythe for ij. dayes worke with Thomas Season . . . . . | xiiij d. |
| Paid Thomas Season for iiij. li. of sowder . . . | ij s. |
| Paid William Powis for ij. li. d. of holye candles and a li. sysses . . . . . | iij s. |
| Paid for a launterne to visett withe alle . . . | xvj d. |
| Paid to Thomas Season and to T. Dicke for pargettynge of the hether side [3] of the churche . . . | xviij d. |
| Paid to William Powis for xiij. li. of waxe to make the pascalle . . . . . | xiij s. |
| Paid to him for a lynke . . . . . | viij d. |
| Paid Thomas Season for mendynge of the ij. wheles . | vj d. |
| Paid him for mendynge the sepulcre . . . . | ij s. |
| Paid Watter Rosse for bokes to serve the churche . | ij s. |
| Paid to Rusbery for j. pounde of candles . . . | iij d. |

[1] Pieces of iron.

[2] Apparently the, perhaps local, name of some measure of quantity.

[3] The hither side, or side towards the town.

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| Paid Thomas Season for makynge a barrelle to the organs and coverynge the roude[1] . . . . . | xij d. |
| Paid to the belle man for his quarterege . . . | xvj d. |
| Paid to John of Dinaham[2] for his vj. dais worke . | iij s. |
| Paid Thomas Season for leede to serve the churche | vj s. iiij d. |
| Paid for frankensence . . . . . | iij d. |
| Spend at the makynge of the pascalle . . . . | iiij d. |
| Paid for rynginge of day belle at Easter to Rusberi . | xij d. |
| Paid Rychard Crosse for makynge of takelynges and nayles for the great belle . . . . . | v s. |
| Paid Thomas Season for glassinge of the stepulle windous | xj s. |
| Paid for glasse for the same windous . . . . | vij s. |
| Paid towardes the hanginge of the great belle . . | iiij s. |
| Paid to John Daulton for mendynge of the antyfener booke[3] . . . . . | vj d. |
| Paid to Steven Knyght for nayles for the belles, for makynge and mendinge of lockes, and a stabulle[4] to the yate in the churche yeard . . . . | ij s. iiij d. |
| Paid to the pavier for his yeares wages . . . | ij s. viij d. |
| Paid James Willes for canduls . . . . . | ij d. |
| Paid to Johan Troyte for d. a li. of syses and canduls to burne in the launtrne . . . . . | xiiij d. |
| Paid William Powis for a belle rope for the fyrst belle . | ij s. iiij d. |
| Paid him more for d. a li. syses . . . . | vj d. |
| Paid for settinge the clothe over the wrode[5] . . | iiij d. |
| Paid for vij. loodes of lyme to whitlyme the churche . | ij s. xj d. |
| Paid for the payver quartere wages . . . . | xvj d. |
| Paid for j. li. canduls d. Rusbery . . . . | iiij d. |
| Paid for pargyttinge the churche to Thomas Dyke . | v s. iij d. |
| Paid for glassinge of saynt Margretes chaunchelle . | xij d. |
| Paid for settinge up of the cepulcre . . . . | viij d. |

[1] The rood.

[2] Of course, this means Dinham. It is curious that the very early form of the name should have been preserved to so late a date.

[3] *i. e.* The Antiphonary. [4] A staple. [5] The rood.

Paid for a vesselle and a lad payle[1] to putt in lyme . xviij d.
Paid for charke colle . . . . . ij d.
Paid for makynge a stoke for on of the grett belles . xx d.
Paid to William Marten and John Blunt for makynge the seid stoke . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Paid to Rusbery for wyer . . . . . iiij d.
Paid for glassinge to Thomas Season . . . x s.
Paid for canduls to rynge curfur to Rusbery . . ij d.
Paid for canduls to rynge day belle to James Willes . ij d.
Paid John Raulins for makynge of new baudrickes and mendynge of the olde baudrickes . . . . xx d.
Paid to Thomas Season for glasse . . . . xxiij d.
Paid to him for trussinge up of the great belle . . iiij d.
Paid for mendynge a candellsticke for the hie auter to Season . . . . . x d.
Paid to hym for shuttinge of a belle rope . . . ij d.
Summa totalis . . vj li. xviij s. v d.

## Recevid by me, Richard Blasfilde and Willyam Bradshalle, as here after folowythe.

Receyved at Easter of the churche money . . xxxj s. viij d.
Received for ser Thomas Chermes pitt . . . vj s. viij d.
Received for Thomas Heytons pytt . . . . vj s. viij d.
Received for Lewes Crouther pytt . . . . vj s. viij d.
Received for John Taylers pytt . . . . vj s. viij d.
Received for T. Phelipes pytt . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Received for Joane Blasfildes pytt . . . . vj s. viij d.
Received of m^r Passy and An Tayler for one pue under the pilpett, late m^r Taylers . . . v s.
Received of William Justes for d. a pue at west end the churche on the south side . . . . xvj d.

[1] A pail for lading, still called in Northamptonshire a *lade-pail*.

Received of George Heywode for fouerth parte of a pue, wiche was m^r Walkers, in the west ende on the south side . . . . . xvj d.

## Received of the parisners at sondrye tymes, as here after foloyethe.

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| Received the xx. day of Marche . . . . | xiiij s. v d. |
| Received the xxvij. day of Marche . . . . | vj s. v d. |
| Received the iij. day of July . . . . . | vj s. iij d. |
| Received the x. day of July . . . . . | vj d. |
| Received the xxij. of October . . . . . | xv s. vj d. |
| Received the xxx. of October . . . . . | iiij s. |

Summa rec. . . vj li. ix s. iiij d.

Received more of John Sherman for the rent of his brique closse, due at Mychelmas last . . . xvij s. v d.

Summa rec. . . vj li. xvij s. v d.

So the churche restithe in det to them . xij s.

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## Charges leyde out be Edwarde Bagger and William Pynner, churche wardens of Ludlow in anno Domini 1559.

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| Payd James Willes for bawdrickes to rynge day belles, from the xvij day of November tylle Candlemas | iiij d. |
| Payd, the xix day of November, for a quarter of a li. of frankensence . . . . . | ij d. |
| Payd, the xxj. of November, for a li. of candles to synge the first masse . . . . . | iij d. ob. |
| Payd, the xxvij. day, for a corde to the organs . . | j d. |
| Payd, the iij. day of December, for vj. yeardes iij. quarter pydelasse[1] to mende ij. of the best ropes . | vj d. |
| Payd for ij. yeardes and di. peny brode silke and in thryde[2] to mende the same . . . . . | iij d. ob. |
| Payd Rushebery for the mendynge of them . . | vj d. |
| Payd the same tyme for a li. of candles to synge the fyrst masse . . . . . | iij d. ob. |
| Payd, the vij day of December, for half a li. of sysse . | v d. ob. |
| Payd for half a li. of vyssetynge candles fate by Rushebery the xx. day of November . . . . . | v d. ob. |
| Payd, the xv. day of December, for a li. of candles to rynge curfur . . . . . | iij d. ob. |
| Payd, the xix. day, for a li. of candles to synge the fyrst masse . . . . . | iij d. ob. |
| Payd, the xxj. day, to the pavyor for his quarters wages from Mychalmas to Christmas . . . . . | xvj d. |
| Payd for yevy levys[3] to dresse the churche against Christmas . . . . . | ij d. |

[1] I have not met with this word elsewhere. [2] Thread. [3] Ivy leaves.

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| Payd for ij li. of candles to hange in the churche on Christmas day in the mornynge . . . . | vij d. |
| Payd for a li. of sysse against Christmas . . . | xj d. |
| Payd for a lynke the same tyme, weynge ij li. iij. quarters and di. quarter . . . . . | x d. |
| Payd for half a li. of sysse . . . . . | v d. ob. |
| Payd for a howpe of colles [1] to sens withe . . . | j d. |
| Payd for mendynge of the whyle of the first belle . | j d. ob. |
| Payd for half a li. of sysse . . . . . | v d. ob. |
| Payd for lycor [2] to lycor the chymes . . . . | j d. |
| Payd for a rope to pysse [3] the lyttelle belle rope . . | ob. |
| Payd, the xxx. day, for a li. of candles to rynge curfur . | iij d. ob. |
| Payd, the last day of December, for mendynge of the bawdryke of the secound tenor . . . . | xij d. |
| Payd the same tyme for a quarter of li. of frankensens | ij d. |
| Payd, the iij day of January, for mendynge of the bawdryke of our Lady belle . . . . . | viij d. |
| Payd, the vj day of January, for half a li. of sysse . | v d. ob. |
| Payd William Powis, the fyrst day of February, for ij li. iij. quarters a oz. of tryssille candelle [4] . | ij s. viij d. |
| Payd, the ij. day of February, for vij. fote of glasse and ij. fote and a di. of olde glasse for the mydlemost pane in the steple . . . . . | v s. ij d. |
| Payd, the iiij day of February, to Thomas Seasson for fastnynge of the glasse wyndowes in the churche . | ix d. |
| Payd, the x day of February, for a li. of candles to rynge curfur . . . . . | iij d. ob. |
| Payd Thomas Season for hanginge the pawle [5] over the roode . . . . . | iiij d. |
| Payd him for the takynge doune of ytt . . . | ij d. |

[1] A *whope of charcoles* occurs on a former occasion. See p. 68.

[2] In the dialect of Gloucestershire, they still say *to liquor*, for to oil.

[3] To piece.

[4] This sort of candle has not been mentioned before.

[5] The pall.

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| Payd, the xvij day of February, for a lode of stone in the churche house . . . . . | ij s. ij d. |
| Payd for the caryage of ytt . . . . . | vj d. |
| Payd, the xxj. day of February, for half a li. of vyssetynge candles . . . . . | v d. ob. |
| Payd Thomas Season for the keypinge of the chymes | ij s. vj d. |
| Payd for late neayle[1] and houle nayle to the churche house . . . . . | j d. |
| Payd the pavyer for his quarters wages ended at our Lady day . . . . . | xvj d. |
| Payd Dyke the tyler for iiij. dayes worke apon the churche house . . . . . | ij s. viij d. |
| Payd, the xvj. day of Marche, for a rope to the fyrst belle . . . . . | ij s. |
| Payd for nayles to sett up the sepulcre . . . | iij d. |
| Payd for pynes to pyne clotes[2] about ytt . . . | j d. |
| Payd Thomas Season in fulle recompense of the ymage of the resurrexcon . . . . . | xviij d. |
| Payd, upon Easter even, for a bushelle of colles . . | iiij d. |
| Payd the same tyme for half a li. of frankensence . | iiij d. |
| Payd Thomas Season for hangynge up of the sacrynge belle in the hie chauncelle, and for a claspe of iron set apon the frame of the sepulcur . . . | ij d. |
| Payd to the pavyor for beinge at the makynge of the pascalle . . . . . | iiij d. |
| Payd Thomas Season for makynge of the sepulcur and for takynge ytt downe . . . . . | xx d. |
| Payd upon Easter day in the mornynge for a sysse candle . . . . . | j d. |
| Payd Rushbery for a breakefast to the ryngers apon Blacke Monday[3] . . . . . | xij d. |

[1] Lath nails; I have not met with *houle* nails before. [2] To pin clouts, or cloths.

[3] Black Monday was a popular name given to Easter Monday, in memory, it is said, of the severity of the weather on that day (April 14, 1360), when King Edward the Third's army, then before Paris, suffered greatly from it.

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| Spent at the makynge of the pascalle . . . | iiij d. |
| Payd to William Powis for makynge of the pascalle and a tapor over the sepulcre weyinge xiij li. and a half . . . . . | xij s. iiij d. |
| Payd hym the same tyme for a lynke weynge ij li. and di. and di. quarter . . . . . | viij d. |
| Payd, the x day of Aprelle, for a rope to our Lady belle | ij s. |
| Payd for nayles to mende the beyre and for the mendynge of ytt . . . . . | iij d. |
| Payd Richard Crosse for a key to the vestry dore . | ij s. |
| Payd him the same tyme for a caye[1] to the steple dore and the mendynge of the locke . . . . | iij d. |
| Payd him more for a key to the dore of the decons chamber . . . . . | iij d. |
| Payd him for a key to the churche howse . . . | ij d. |
| Payd for xxvij li. of sowder to mende the ledes of the churche . . . . . | xiij s. vj d. |
| Payd William Sonkey for half a C. and vj li. of lede . | iiij s. vj d. |
| Payd for ij. bushelle of colles . . . . . | vj d. |
| Payd for a li. of tallow . . . . . | iij d. |
| Payd for half a li. of rossen . . . . . | j d. |
| Payd Thomas Jukes, tynker, for iij. dayes worke . | ij s. ij d. |
| Payd William Tyler for ij. dayes worke and di. . | xviij d. |
| Payd, upon Corpus Christi day, for pynes and poyntes to dresse the canapie . . . . . | j d. |
| Payd for a brekefast to them that dyd cary the canapie | vij d. |
| Payd, the first day of June, for a rope to the secounde tenor . . . . . | ij s. |
| Payd, the v. day of June, for settinge up a while to the secounde tenor and for nayles . . . . . | ij d. ob. |
| Payd, the xviij. day of June, for mendynge of the bawdryke of the first belle . . . . . | viij d. |

[1] Key.

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| Payd, the xx day of June, for ij. peces of tymber to sett by the comunyon table and for nayles to the carpenter . . . . . | x d. |
| Payd, the xxiij. day of June, for takynge downe the table in Saynte Johns chauncelle . . . | iiij d. |
| Payd for pynes and tackes to pyne the cloth on the communyon table . . . . . | j d. |
| Payd for whit paper for m[r] Cowpers and to John Brocke to pryke [1] . . . . . | ij d. |
| Paid to John Dawton, the first day of July, for a bocke of the communyon and iij. Sawters . . . | x s. |
| Payd George Heywode, the xxx day, for a bocke of the communyon and vj. Sawters, and the cariage of them from London . . . . . | xvij s. vj d. |
| Payd Thomas Jukes, tynker, and his brother, for j. dayes worke apon the leedes . . . . . | xvj d. |
| Payd for iij li. iij quarters of soder bestowede upon the leedes . . . . . | xxij d. ob. |
| Payd Richarde Swanson for vj li. and di. leede . . | vj d. ob. |
| Payd, the xxij. day of August, for mendynge the dore in the churche yearde. . . . . | vij d. |
| Payd Steven Knyght for a hynge and mendynge of the other hynge . . . . . | viij d. |
| Payd, the ij. day of September, for mendynge of the beare | ij d. |
| Payd Steven Knyght for kepinge of the chymes from the v. day of October tylle the last day of October | iij s. iiij d. |
| Payd Richarde Crosse the x day of September for mendynge a locke to the churche dore . . . | ij d. |
| Payd, the xv. day of September, for paper to pricke withe . . . . . | ij d. |
| Payd the xxvj. day of September for takynge downe the rowde [2] . . . . . | vj d. |

[1] *i.e.* for writing musical notes.

[2] Rood. The Protestant feelings of Elizabeth's reign are now beginning to show themselves.

Payd the pavier for his half yeres wages endede at Mychalmas . . . . . ij s. viij d.
Payd, the xvij day of October, for my charges goinge to Herforde fatt[1] be a sitacion, beinge on the churche behalf . . . . . ij s. vj d.
Payd James Wylles for candels to ringe day belle . j d.
Payd, the xxv. day of October, for a li. of candles to ringe curfur . . . . . iij d. ob.
Payd for makinge the pore mand boxe[2] . . . xij d.
Payd for hynges and a locke . . . . . xij d.
Payd for ij. claspes of yron . . . . . xij d.
Payd for woode to melt leede to fasten the claspes of yron in the walle . . . . . j d.
Payd Walter Bolde for iiij dayes worke takynge downe of the auters[3] . . . . . iij s. iiij d.
Payd Thomas Season for helpinge of hym . . . viij d.
Paid the pavier for his paynes . . . . . iiij d.
Payd for ij. bushelles of lyme to plaster the walles where the autors was . . . . . vj d.
Payd William Stocketon for wryttinge over the poore mans boxe . . . . . iiij d.
Payd Steven Knyght for brassynge[4] of the grett belle viij d.
Payd John Sadler for mendynge of a bawderyke . ij d.
Payd be my felow for makynge clene of the churche . xvj d.
Summa receittes . . vj li. xv s. iij d. ob.

## Recevid by the churche wardens ffor the use of the churche.

Receyved for the burialle of m^r John Howcke and his wife of the leden porche . . . . . xiij s. iiij d.

[1] I cannot explain this word, which is clearly the reading of the manuscript.
[2] Begging-box, or alms-box.
[3] Altars.
[4] Brazing. We have before had payments for *brassynge* a candlestick.

Receyved for the burialle of mr Dedicotte . . . vj s. viij d.
Receyved for the burialle of mr Draper . . . vj s. viij d.
Receyved for the burialle of mr. Steyner . . vj s. viij d.
Receyved for the burialle of mother Dowbulles . . vj s. viij d.
Receyved apon Easter day in the Easter boxe . xxxj s. ix d.
Receyved of the parisheners towarde the reparacon of the churche . . . . . liij s. v d.
Receyved of William Owen for a pew in the sowthe yelle,[1] that was Rycharde Tomlyns . . . ij s. iiij d.
Summa totallis receites . . vij li. iij s. ix d. ob.
So we rest in the churche dett . vij s. ij d.
Grauntede to Richard Tomlyns one littelle pew on the south syd the churche, late Richard Waties, in consideracon of the forseide pew by hym surrendrede to the use of William Owen.
So the churche oweth them . . . . . ij s. xj d.
Grauntede to Edward Bager and William Pynner, late churche wardens, one pew nere the fonte on the southe side, late in the occupacon of John Hoke, and payd for a fyne over the forseid debet, xx d. delyvered to the newe churche wardens.

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## Charges layd out upon the reparacons of the parish churche of Ludlow by Thomas Langford and John Taylor, wardens, from the feast of Alle Seyntes anno Domini 1559, unto the seyde feast then next ensuynge viz. for one hole yere, anno Domini 1560.

In primis, for russes to straye[2] the seate before the pilpett . . . . . ij d.
Paid James Wylles for candels to rynge day belle . vj d.

[1] Aisle. [2] Rushes to strew.

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| Paid Richard Crosse for a stapulle and a haspe for the poore mans chest . . . . . | iij d. |
| Paid for a locke for the same cheste . . . . | iiij d. |
| Paid for lyme to washe and plaster the walle where the auctor[1] stode in the hie chaunselle . . | iiij d. |
| Paid John Umfres for half a dayes worke there . . | iiij d. |
| Paid Steven Knyght for ij. ynges and a stapulle for the churche yerde yate . . . . . | xij d. |
| Paid for settinge the lege upon the same yeatt . . | ij d. ob. |
| Paid John the kerver for translatynge the tabulle . | ij s. ij d. |
| Paid for nayles for the same . . . . . | j d. |
| Paid William Powis for a li. of syses . . . | x d. |
| Paid Styven Knyght and Rushbery for the kepinge of the chymes alle the yere . . . . . | vj s. viij d. |
| Paid for wier to amende the chymes at sundry tymes . | xij d. |
| Paid Richarde Lawfyld for the carege of xx lode of dounge from the grate . . . . . | xvj d. |
| Paid John Umfries for iiij. dayes worke, ij. dayes upon the grate, and ij. dayes in mendynge of the walle by the almehousse . . . . . | ij s. viij d. |
| Paid Collyns iij. dayes worke upon the same . . | xxj d. |
| Paid Richard Lowfylde for the careg of ij. lode of saunde for the same walle . . . . . | ij d. |
| Paid for vj. busshelles of lyme to amend the same walle at . . . . . | xviij d. |
| Paid the kerver for settynge in a post and a ralle[2] over the grate, and nayles for the same . . . | vj d. |
| Paid Thomas Season for mendynge of a kandelstyke . | xij d. |
| Do. John Broke a quyer of paper . . . . | iiij d. |
| Paid Umfry pavyer for ivye to hange in the body of the churche . . . . . | iiij d. |
| Paid for ij. li. of kandelles to hange in the body of the churche . . . . . | vij d. |

[1] The altar. [2] A rail.

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| Paid William Marten for ij dayes worke and a half upon the great belstoke and whyle . . . | ij s. iij d. |
| Paid for naylez for the same . . . . . | iij d. |
| Paid John Wryght for the mendynge of the bere, and for nayles . . . . . | iij d. |
| Paid for a fote for the bere. . . . . | iiij d. |
| Paid Raufe Harvy and Thomas Season for vij fote and d. of glasse sett up in saynt Margrettes chaunselle in the northe window . . . . | v s. |
| Paid them more for settinge up of iij fotte of olde glasse in the same window . . . . . | xij d. |
| More paid them for vj fote of new glasse sett up in our Lady chauncelle in the next window to the dore upon the southe side . . . . . | iiij s. iiij d. |
| More paid them for settinge up of iiij fote of olde glasse in the window above in the same chaunselle . | xvj d. |
| More paid Thomas Marten for a fotte for the bere . | iiij d. |
| Paid Umfry pavier for his hole yeres wages . . | v s. iiij d. |
| Paid for the makynge of our boke at the vysitacion . | x d. |
| Paid Rusheberie for a brekefast for the ryngers . . | xij d. |
| Paid for the makynge clene of the stepulle steyrez . | iiij d. |
| Paid Thomas Season for mendynge and fasteninge the window over the wedinge churche dore[1] . . | vj s. viij d. |

[1] The wedding door has been frequently mentioned in these accounts. Before the Reformation, important parts of the Services of baptism, matrimony, and the churching of women, were performed at the church door, usually in the porch. The reader of Chaucer will remember what he says (*Cant. T. l.* 462) of the Wife of Bath,—

"Housbondes *atte chirche dore* hadde sche fyfe."

It is for this reason, no doubt, that we find holy-water stoups so commonly in old porches of churches. It was directed in the will of Henry VI. that there should be "in the south side of the body of the church of Eton College a fair large dore with a porche, and the same for christeninges of children and weddinges." At the southern entrance of Norwich Cathedral, there is a representation of the Sacrament of marriage carved in stone. The custom was that the parties did not enter the church till that part of the office when the minister now goes up to the altar and repeats the Psalm. Part of the ceremony under the porch consisted also in the endowing of the bride, which was called *dos ad ostium eccle-*

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| Paid Hervye for viij. fotte of glasse sett up in the stepulle in the west window . . . . . | v s. iiij d. |
| Paid Stevyn Knyght for mendynge of the cloke . | viij d. |
| Delivered Rushberie at sundry tymes to rynge curfur vj. pound of candles . . . . . | xxj d. |
| Paid Humfry pavyer for makinge clene the windowes in the body of the churche . . . . . | iiij d. |
| Paid Rushberie for makinge clene of the leedes . . | ij d. |
| Paid Thomas a Crew for mendynge of a bawderyke . | ij d. |
| Paid Richarde Crosse for mendynge of the keye and locke of the wed[1] northe churche dore. . . | ij d. |
| Paid John Clee for mendynge the key and loke of the stepulle dore . . . . . | ij d. |
| Paid Richard Shamsey for ij belle ropes . . . | iij s. iiij d. |
| More paid hym for on belle rope . . . . | ij s. iiij d. |
| Paid William Powis for d. li. of syses . . . | v d. |
| Paid Thomas Season for j li. and half of sowder that he dyde bestow upon the northe yelle[2] . . . | ix d. |
| Paid Thomas Season for settynge up of iiij fotte of glasse in saynt Katherne chaunselle in the southe window . . . . . | xij d. |
| Paid hym for ij. fotte of payntede glasse for the same plasse . . . . . | xij d. |
| Paid Thomas Season and others for pollynge downe the seate where our Ladie stode in our Lady chaunselle | xx d. |
| Paid Walter Bolde for makynge up of the same walle agayne . . . . . | xxij d. |
| Paid for lyme to make up the walle . . . . | ij s. iiij d. |
| Paid William Marten for on dayes worke and a half for hym and ij men, upon the belstokes and whyles of the seconde tenor and our Lady belle . . . | iij s. v d. |

*sic.* The door at which the wedding was performed appears to have been generally on the southern side of the church, but at Ludlow it was evidently not the porch, and, from an entry a few lines further on, it would appear to have been on the north side.

[1] So in the MS., but no doubt a mere error of the scribe for *wedlage*. [2] Aisle.

Paid Thomas Season for settynge up xlj foote of glasse in the stepulle, that is to saye, viij fotte and d. in the north window, xvj fotte in the west window, viij fotte and half in the south window, and the rest beinge vij fotte in mendynge of other paynes there as shall appere at x. . . . . xxx s.

More paid hym for settinge up of xxij foote of olde glasse in the stepulle, beynge in v paynes, that is to saye, on in the west window, and iij in the southe window . . . . . vj s. v d.

Paid Steven Knyght for xvij li. of iron beinge made in smalle barres for the staye of the paynes of glasse in the stepulle . . . . . iiij s. iij d.

Paid for a planke to knele upon at the communyon tabulle . . . . . iiij d.

Paid James Wylles for j li. of candles . . . . iij d. ob.

Summa totalis of the charges . . vj li. xj d.

## Receites for this yere.

Received of the paris at Easter . . . . . xxviij s.

Received of the parysnors, as be quartors contributors unto the reparacion of the churche . . . l s. vj d. ob.

Received for the burialle of a chylde of Thomas Raynolde chylde . . . . . vj s. viij d.

Received for the burialle of m^r Masones mother . vj s, viij d.

Received for the burialle of m^r Hoke . . . vj s. viij d.

Received for the burialle of William Beke . . vj s. viij d.

Received for the burialle of m^r Walker . . . vj s. viij d.

Received for the burialle of m^r Bekes wif . . vj s. viij d.

Received for a pew sett unto William Pewes and Robert Wryght, beinge in the northe yelle beneth the churche dore . . . . . iiij s. viij d.

Received for a pew sett unto Heughe Gryffetes and Hughe ap Powelle in the same yelle . . . ij s. viij d.

Received for half a pew sett unto John Raulens in the body of the churche, benethe the ffounte on the northe syde, withe Thomas Ward . . . . ij s.

Received for a pew sett unto John Mathese, surrendrede by Edmounde Bowlande for hym, wiche standethe in the southe yelle . . . . . xij d.

Received for half a pew sett unto John Huke, wiche was his fathers, wiche lyeth the next pew to the longe seate before the pilpytt in the body of the churche ij s. iiij d.

Received of William Powes for the stoune wiche was taken doune in our Lady chaunselle . . . iiij s.

Summa totalis recevide . . vj li. xv s. ij. d. ob.

So rest dew to the parishe . xiij s. ix d. ob.

Received for the holy loffe from xix. of November after v d. ob. wyke, 1559, untylle the 3. of November wiche commethe to . . . . . xxiiij s. iij d. ob.

Paid herof unto Eluor Baylie, for the kepynge of a chylde, ij d. a wyke, from the xxiij. of December untille the xxx. of November . . . . viij s. ij d.

Paid John Cleys wife ij d. a wyke from the 12. of January 1559 untylle the 17. of August 1560, and after every weeke a j d. untylle the 4. of October . v s. xj d.

Paid Johane of Galvarde[1] ij d. a wyke from the 25. of Januarye untylle the 3. of August . . . iiij s. viij d.

Paid Bellyngames wiffe ij d. a wyke from the x^th^ of August untylle the 30. of November . . . ij s. x d.

Sum payde . . . xxj s. vij d.

So rest . . . ij s. viij d. ob.

Sum totallis of receites as apperith by booke vij li. xix s. vj d. ob.

Sum of paymentes . . vij li. ij s. vj d.

So the churche wardens rest in dett withe xx d.

of the last churche wardens recevyd xviij s. viij d.

[1] For Goalford, no doubt.

Wiche is paide and quyte and delyvered to the churche wardens of new electede.

ffinis.

## The accomptes of Simon Thornton and John Brasier, churche wardens of the towne of Ludlow, from the feast of Simon and Jude in the yeare of our Lord 1560, unto the saide feast in the yeare 1561.

### November.

In primis, the 30. day, for packe threde to mende the clocke . . . . . ob.

### December.

Item, the 1 day, to James Willes for candles to ringe the day belle unto Candlmas . . . . . vj d.

Item, the iiij. day, a li. of sises to serve the quere . x d.

Item, the viij. day, delivered to Rushbury, a pounde of candles to rynge curfur . . . . . iiij d.

Item, the same day, for iij. barres of iron to William Idwyn to sett in the glasse windowes in the steple xviij d.

Item, the 9. day, a belle rope for the yelde [1] belle ij s. vij d. ob.

Item, the 12. day, to Thomas Seasson for settinge up 15 iron barres in the glasse windowes in the steple, and mendynge 30 quarelles [2] in west ende of the same, and mendinge the grate at the churche style and the gate at the college. . . . . iij s.

Item, for lyme to dresse the same windowes at the same tyme . . . . . ob. q$^{a}$.

Item, the 22. day, for a corde to hange the lantern, and for a keie to the poore mens boxe, to Richarde Carver . . . . . vij d. ob.

Item, a li. of candles to hange in the body of the church upon Christmas day . . . . . iij d. ob.

[1] Guild. [2] Panes of glass.

Item, to the paviers maide, for makinge cleane the remainder of the tabernacle in our Lady chauncelle . ob. q[a].

Item, the 24. of December, to Rusheburie, a li. of candles to rynge curfur . . . . . iij d. ob.

Item, to the pavier for his wages for Christmas quarter xvj d.

Item, the same tyme, for a belle and whipcorde to make a whipe to drive dogges out of the churche [1] . j d. ob.

## January.

Item, the 1. day, a li. of syses . . . . . x d.

Item, the v. day, for whippinge the seconde belle rope . ij d.

Item, the 7. day, a li. of candles to sett in the lantern to lyght at the morninge prayer . . . . . iij d. ob.

Item, the 10. day, to Rushburie, a li. of candles to rynge curfur withe . . . . . iij d. ob.

Item, the 30. day, to Rushburie and Thomas Season towarde kepinge of the chymes . . . . . ij s.

Item, the same day, for mendynge the lantern and twise hanginge it uppe . . . . . xx d.

Item, a li. of wyre for the chymes . . . . viij d.

## February.

Item, to Thomas Carver, for makinge a new cradle for the bere, and naylynge the yointes of the beere, and other wise mendynge the same . . . xx d.

## Marche.

Item, the 1. day, d. li. of sise, to say morninge prayer, yeven [2] Rushburie . . . . . v d.

Item, the same tyme, geven Rushberie to paye for makinge his surples. . . . . ix d. ob. q[a].

[1] Allusions to this custom have occurred before. See p. 15. It may be remarked that this office was not confined to England, and it appears to have been of some antiquity. It is mentioned in the "Contes d'Eutrapel," by the well known French satirical writer of the sixteenth century, Noel du Fail, who, in one of his facetious stories, the scene of which lay in a monastery, says, "survient un quidam enfroqué, ayant la charge d'éteindre les chandelles et *chasser les chiens hors d'église.*" (Contes d'Eutrapel, Conte xx.) The dog-whipper here was a monk, *enfroqué.*

[2] Given.

Item, the iij. day, to Rushburie, to ringe curfur, a pounde of candles . . . . . iij d. ob.

Item, the 22. paid for mendinge the longe seate beneathe the pulpit . . . . . ob. q$^{a}$.

Item, the same tyme, paid James Willes a quarter wages for kepinge dogges out of the churche, betwixt Christmas and Easter . . . . . xij d.

Item, the 26. day, at the visitacion, paid for the table of commaundementes and the new kalender . . xviij d.

Item, the 27. day, for shwipinge [1] the walles of the churche, one dayes wages to the pavier, and Thomas Willes . . . . . xvj d.

Item, the same day, to the pavier, for one quarters wages . . . . . xvj d.

Item, the 29. day, to Crosse, for a key for the boxe to serve at Easter . . . . . iij d.

## Aprelle.

Item, the 1. day, a li. and d. of glewe to mende bothe the bellowes of the great organs . . . ix d.

Item, a corde for the bellows of the same organs, the same day . . . . . j d.

Item, the iiij. day, to Thomas Season, for settinge the table of the commaundementes in a frame, and mendynge the bellowes of the great organs, and clensinge the same, withe other worke done about the same iij s.

Item, the 7. day, to Rushburie for a brekefast for ringeinge day belle at Easter . . . . . xij d.

Item, the 23. day, to Rushburie, to ringe curfer, in candles . . . . . iij d. ob.

Item, the 25. in ernest to mende the glase windowes . iij s. iiij d.

Item, the 25. day, paid for a pulley for third bellow that had not ben occupiede of longe . . . ij d.

[1] Sweeping.

Item, the said 25. more for keypinge the chymes, paide to Thomas Season . . . . . ij s.

Item, the 28. to the pavier, for a stone to ley before the quyre dore . . . . . j d. ob.

## Maii.

Item, the 3. day, to Edward the carier, for a Bible, and the cariage of the same from London, and my lettres to London . . . . . xij s. v d.

Item, the same tyme, paid by the commandementes of mr baylives, for dressinge ther seate for my lord president [1] . . . . . vj d.

Item, the 20. day, the rest of the money for reparinge alle the windowes in the churche withe glasse . xxiij s. iiij d.

## June.

Item, the xx. day, for a belle rope for the seconde tenor xxij d.

Item, the 23. day, for a rope for the great pvise [2] of the clocke . . . . . xxij d.

Item, paid for makinge cleane the staires of the steple, the 24. day . . . . . iij d.

Item, the same tyme, for makinge a grate at the college dore . . . . . ij s. iijd.

Item, paid for karienge away the yearthe where the grate was made . . . . . iiij d.

Item, the 27. day, paid for a giste [3] to mende the leste [4] of the belle fery [5] . . . . . xij d.

Item, paid for carienge away the dust that came out of the belle soller [6] . . . . . vj d.

[1] This was no doubt Sir Henry Sydney, newly appointed to the high office of Lord President of Wales and the Marches.

[2] Apparently for *parvis*. The *parvis* was the open place before the porch or entrance to a church, and it may here mean the place before the clock.

[3] A joist?

[4] I do not know this word.

[5] The belfry.

[6] The sollar, or upper room.

Item, the same tyme, paid for ij ropes to hange the lesser peise [1] of the clocke . . . . . ij s.
Item, the same tyme, for ij fealde and a lader that serveth in the steple or soller . . . . . xx d.
Item, paid John Blunt, his prentice, and a laborer, workeinge about the yelde belle and the steple . v s. x d.

## July.

## August.

Item, paid Crosse, the x. day, for a quarter and iiij li. of iron, and workeinge the same, withe the rest of iron worke mendinge, belonginge to the yelde belle . vij s.
Item, the 13. day, for mendynge the locke of the steple dore . . . . . j d.

## September.

Item, the 15. day, a quyre of paper to Trueman . . iiij d.
Item, the 22. day, a li. of candles to the decon to rynge curfer . . . . . iij d.
Item, the 25. for mendinge the bawdrickes of iij belles xx d.
Item, the same tyme, for lyme and to the workemen one the leades . . . . . vij s. viij d.
Item, at the chauncelors visitacion, for iij bookes . iiij d.
Item, the same tyme, for the copie of the presentment vj d.

## October.

Item, the ij. for soder, to mend the leades . . . ij s. ix d.
Item, to Thomas Season sonne, for helpinge his father upon the leades . . . . . iiij d.
Item, for woode to worke the same soder by . . ij d.
Item, the iij. day, sises to say the mornynge prayer by ij d.

[1] Weight.

Item, the 19. day, sises to serve the quyre d. li. . . v d.
Item, the same day, a li. of candles to the deacon . iij d.
Item, the 20. paide Trueman for prickinge sertayne bookes . . . . . v s.
Item, the same tyme, to Thomas Langforde, a surples for the deacon . . . . . v s.
Item, makinge the same surples . . . . viij d.
Item, paid for pesinge a belle rope, to Thomas Season ij d.
Item, the same tyme, paid to the pavier for half yeres wages . . . . . ij s. viij d.
Item, about that tyme, to the paviers wif, ij burden of rushes, and makinge cleane m^r baylives seat . iiij d.
Item, the 31. day, d. li. of syses to the deacon . v d.
Item, to the decon, for shotinge a belle rope . . ij d.
Item, to the person, for a booke of the Homyles . . xiiij d.
Item, to ser Richarde Cooper for kepinge the regester of christninges, weddinges, and burialles . . ij s.
Item, to Elnor Baylie, for the poore childe sins myne accompt of the poore mens money geven upe . ij d.
Item, the last of October, a li. of candles to rynge curfer . . . . . iij d.
Item, the same day, half a li. of syses to the decon for the morninge prayer . . . . . v d.
Sum totallis . . vj li. xj s. ob.

## Receptes.

In primis, receavide at our entrye of m^r baylives . xij s.
Item, for the quarterige . . . . . iij li. ij s.
Item, at Easter . . . . . xlvj s. viij d.
Item, one burialle in the churche for m^rs Burge Jevans vj s. viij d.
Item, one pewe, wiche was late m^rs Jevance, beinge behinde the churche doore, sett to William Cluntone . . . . . iiij s. viij d.

Item, one pewe, late Thomas Rushburies, under the clocke howse, lett to Robert Beddow and Edward Hintone . . . . . iiij s.

Item, one pewe, late Howelle Glovers, above the pilpett, lett to William Powis . . . . iiij s.

Sum of the receptes . . vij li.

So the churche wardens owe to the churche viij s. xj d. ob.

Wiche is paide.

Receyvede of mr John Sharmon for the bricke closse . viij s.

Sum . . . xvj s. xj d. ob.

Wiche is delyverede to the other churche wardens John ap Guylliam and William Powis as above xvj s. xj d. ob.

Finis.

## Charges leyde out for the reparacions of the pareshe churche of Ludlow by John Gwylliam and William Powis, churche wardens of the same pareshe, anno Domini 1562.

In primis, delyvered to the deacon the vij. day of November, candles j pounde . . . . . iij d.

Item, delyvered to the deacon that day d. a li. seyses v d.

Item, delivered the deacon, the xvj. day of November, candles j li. . . . . iij d.

Item, delivered the deacon, the xxvj. day of November, candles j li. . . . . iij d.

Item, delivered the deacon, the vj. day of December, candles j li. . . . . iij d.

Item, delivered that day seyses d. li . . . . v d.

Item, delivered the deacon, on the iij. Sonday of Advent, candles j li. . . . . iij d.

Item, delivered the deacon on Christmas yeven,[1] candles j li. . . . . iij d.

[1] Even, or Eve.

Item, paid for holy and evy[1] that day . . . . iiij d.
Item, delivered the bellman on Christmas yeven, for to hange in the body of the churche, candles on pounde iij d.
Item, delivered the deacon that day, of seyses j li. . x d.
Item, delivered the deacon, on saynt Stevens day, a rope for the secounde belle . . . . ij s. iiij d.
Item, paid to Thomas a Crue, the last Sonday of Advent, for a bawdricke for the thirde belle . . . xx d.
Item, for a rope for the secounde tenor, on Childermas day . . . . . ij s. iiij d.
Item, to the deacon on newyers day, candles j. li. . iij d.
Item, to the deacon on Sonday after xij. day, candles j li. iij d.
Item, to the deacon, the xx. day of January, candles j li. iij d.
Item, to the deacon, the xxiiij. day of January, seyses quarter li. . . . . ij d. ob.
Item, paid to the bellman for his quarteris wages deue at Christmas . . . . . xvj d.
Item, to the deacon on Candlmas yeven,[2] candles j li. . iij d. ob.
Item, paid mendinge a locke for the steple dore, the iiij. day of February . . . . . iiij d.
Item, paid for nayles that day . . . . . ij d.
Item, paid to Thomas Season for settynge in a barre of the churche callens[3] . . . . . ij d.
Item, to the deacon, the xxv. of February, for syeses . j d.
Item, to the deacon, the xxvj. of that moneth, quarter li. seyses . . . . . ij d. ob.
Item, to the bellman, the xij. day of Februarie, in nayles for the bere . . . . . j d.
Item, paid for settinge in a bare in the churche skallens[3] the xiiij. of February . . . . . ij d.

[1] Holly and ivy. [2] Candlemas eve.

[3] *Callends*, or *callens*, or, as it is called in another place, skallends, was the name given here and in one or two other localities, to the liche-gate, or entrance through which a corpse was carried into the church-yard, and where it rested. The passage by which the porch of the church of Ludlow is approached from the town still bears the name, and no doubt occupies its site.

Item, paid to John Blunt, for workeinge aboute the belles, the xxij. day of Marche . . . . . iiij s. viij d.

Item, paid that tyme, to Rycharde Crosse, for makinge steropes,[1] brases, and nayles, and for shuttynge the claper of the seconde belle . . . . . ij s. viij d.

Item, paid to Raffe the carpenter, for hanginge and mendinge the seconde belle, the xxvj. day of Aprelle xij d.

Item, paid to Steven Knyght, for ij peces of iron that wer occupiede about the seyde belle that tyme . ij d.

Item, to the deacon, the ij. of May, for d. li. weyer[2] for the chymes . . . . . vj d.

Item, to Johan Dudson, on Whytsown yeven, for carringe stones and lyme out of seynt Johns chauncelle . . . . . iiij d.

Item, paid Rycharde Swaynsone that day for spyke nayles to make the pewe in the seyde chauncelle . . vj d.

Item, paid Johan Dudson, the xxvij. of May, for makynge clene the same chauncelle . . . . ij d.

Item, paid the paretor[3] for a booke of Omelyes to be rede in the Rogasion weke . . . . . iiij d.

Item, paid for j seme[4] of whitlyme, to pave in saynt Johns chaunselle, the first of June . . . viij d.

Item, paid for woode to make fyer on the ledes of the churche, the iiij. and v^th^ and the viij. dayes of August . . . . . xij d.

Item, paid to Thomas Season, the iiij. day of Aprelle, for mendinge the glasse wyndowes in our Lady chapelle, seynt Kathern and seynt Johnes chaunselle, that were broken . . . . . v s.

Item, paid to Richarde Swanson, for naylles that were occupiede about the belles, the xx^th^ of Marche . iij d.

[1] Stirrups, perhaps here, steps for mounting.

[2] Wire. [3] The apparitor.

[4] A measure which has been frequently mentioned before.

Item, paid to the bellman for his quarters wages dew at Easter . . . . . xvj d.

Item, paid the bellman, the last of June, for his quarters wages due at Mydsomer . . . . . xvj d.

Item, for thele to mende the churche dore, and a klyfft[1] to make steyes for the belle whelles, the xxij. of Marche . . . . . vj d.

Item, paid Thomas Season, for vij li. of sowder the last day of July . . . . . iij s. vj d.

Item, paid James Wylles that day, for ij dayes worke upon the ledes . . . . . viij d.

Item, paid to Thomas Season, the viij. day of August, for iiij. pounde of sowder . . . . . ij s.

Item, paid to James Willes that day for workinge one the ledes . . . . . iiij d.

Item, paid to ser Richard Coper, for keypinge the booke of buryalles and christenynges, the fyrst day of August . . . . . ij s.

Item, delivered to the deacon, the xix. day of August, a rope for the secounde belle . . . . . ij s. viij d.

Item, to the bellman, the xx. day of September, for a corde for the bellowes of the organs . . . j d.

Item, to the deacon, on seynt Myghelles day, j li. candles iij d.

Item, to the deacon, the iiij. day of October, d. li. seyses . . . . . v d.

Item, paid to Richarde Swaynson, for a rope for the iij. belle, the iiij. day of October . . . . ij s. ij d.

Item, paid to the same Richarde for nayles that were had at dyvers tymes . . . . . ix d.

Item, to the deacon, the vj. day of October, j li. candles iij d.

Item, to the deacon, the xvj. day of October, j li. candles iij d.

Item, paid the bellman, the xix. day of October, for his quarters wages dew at Myghellmas . . xvj d.

[1] I have not met with this word, or *thele*, before.

Item, paid the xx. day of October, for iij large bellropes xiiij s.
Item, paid to mr Alsope, for makynge our booke to gether our quarterege by . . . . . viij d.
Item, paid to Thomas à Crue, for mendinge the bawdrickes of ij belles . . . . . iiij d.
Item, paid for a pece of tymber, to make ij barres in the churche skallans, the sawinge and settinge in, and for naylles for the same . . . . vj d.
Item, to the deacon, the xxiiij. day of October, j li. candles . . . . . iij d.
Item, paid for a rope for the pece of the clocke, the xxvij. day of October . . . . . viij s.
Item, paid to William Hardinge, for helpinge the deacon to mende the chymes, the xxvj. of October . iiij d.
Item, to the deacon, the last day of October, j li. candles iij d.
Item, for j li. of seyses, to the deacon that day . . x d.
Item, paid to Elnor Baylie that day towarde the kepinge of a chylde . . . . . iiij d.
Item, paid to ser Richarde Coper, for his paynes taken the feast of Easter . . . . . xij d.
Item, paid to Elnor Baylie, towardes the keypinge of a chylde . . . . . iiij d.
Item, paid to Thomas Season, for mendinge and makinge fast the glasse in the steple . . . xvj d.
Item, paid to Thomas Season, for mendinge the glasse windowes in our Lady chanselle, seynt Katerens chanselle, and in the steple . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, paid to the deacon, the vij. day of November, for reparacions of the chymes for this yere endide at Alle Sayntes last . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, paid the deacon that day, for pesynge of belleropes viij d.
Sum tottallis . . iiij li. xij s. ix d.
Item, bestowede by mr Farre, as hyt apere by his bylle of acompt . . . . . xlj s. j d.

So that ther is bestowede in the hoole this yere upon the reparacions of the churche the som of . vj li. xiij s. xd.
Item, for j li. candles, the vij. of November . . iij d.
Item, paid to the bellman for carienge of sande into seynt Johns chanselle . . . . . iiij d.
Sum tottallis of alle reparacons vj li. xiiij s. iij d. ob.

## Money receyvede to the youse[1] of the churche, by John Gwilliam and William Powis, churche wardens, anno Domini 1562.

Receyvede of Annes Maylarde, xxiiij. day of November, 1562, of the cherytie money . . . . xvj d.
Received of Robert Hoper, the xvj. day of Merche, for his wifes burialle . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Received of mr Blassefilde, the xxv. day of May, for his wiffes burialle . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Received of James David ap Hoelle, the xxv. daye of June, for his doughters burialle . . . vj s. viij d.
Received of mrs Caper, the xxvj. day of October, for her husbandes burialle . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Received of Richarde Heyton that day, for his wifes burialle . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, we dyd sett to Richarde Heyton half a pewe in the northe yle of the churche that day, that was some tyme in the holdinge of Water Symcox . . ij s. vj d.
Received of mr bayly Farre,[2] withe his bylle of account iij s. ij d.
Item, that we sett a pew in the midle yle of the churche, that was lat in the holdynge of mr William Phellypes, to John Guilliam and Charles Boothe, for the some of . . . . . v s.

[1] The use.

[2] According to the list of bailiffs printed in my History of Ludlow, p. 493, William Poughnill and Richard Starr were elected bailiffs in 1561. The latter name is no doubt an error of the copyist for Farr.

Item, that we set Robert Gardener a pece of grounde, under the stayre of the clocke house, for to bylde hym a pewe upon, for the some of . . . ij s.
Item, we received in the churche, at the feast of Easter, of people that dyde receve the communyon . xliij s.
Received of Annes Lewys, of the cherytie money . vj d.
Received of the quarterege in the churche towardes the reparacion of the same churche . . . iij li. iiij s. vij d.
Item, alowede mr Farre his reseyt of . . . . xlj s. j d.
Received of mr Partryge, for his wifes burialle, the viij. of this monethe . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Received of mr Hollande that day, for his wifes burialle vj s. viij d.
Received of Thomas Bedow that day, for his wifes burialle . . . . . vj s. viij d.

Summa tottallis of alle receittes x li. xvj s. vj d.
Wherof paide in reparacions, as appereth by bylle vj li. xiiij s. iij d. ob.
So the churche wardens owe to the churche upon this accounte . . . . iiij li. ij s. ij d. ob.
Wherof ther is deductede . . . . ij s. ob.
Wiche some of iiij li. delyvered in stocke to Richarde Swanson and Richard Hokke, churche wardens of new electede.
Finis.

## Charges layde out by Richarde Swanson and Richarde Houke upon the churche of Ludlow, beinge churche wardens anno Domini 1563.

Item, paid the 3. day of November, for drynkeinge at mr baylie Drapers[1] house . . . . . ij s. iiij d.
Delivered the deacon at sondry tymes xix li. of candles at iij d. a pounde . . . . . iiij s. ix d.
Item, to the deacon for a lytelle booke . . . ij d.

[1] The bailiffs this year were, according to the list quoted in a former note, Robert Mason and John Holland. The name of Draper does not appear in the list as a bailiff.

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| Item, paid mr baylie Alsope, the 15. day of November, to paye the coste of vj men to Brigenorthe . | xv s. |
| Item, paid for j pounde of syse . . . . . | x d. |
| Item, paid Thomas Season, the 6. day of December, for mendinge the lantorne, and corde for yt - - | xix d. |
| Delivered to the belman, upon Christmas yve, ij li. of candles . . . . . | vj d. |
| Item, paid for ivy and hollye that day . . . | iiij d. |
| Item, paid Steven Knyght, for ij hokes for the belle ropes | ij d. |
| Item, for nayles to mende the bere . . . . . | ij d. |
| Item, paid to Richarde Crosse for makynge stapulles and springes for the chymes . . . . . | viij d. |
| Item, paid Thomas Season, for mendinge the chymes and the barrelle and jake[1] of the clockehouse . | viij d. |
| Item, for half a belle rope . . . . . | x d. |
| Item, paid mr baylie Alsop, for the makinge of the booke of the parisners names . . . . . | viij d. |
| Item, one Christmas yve, j li. of syses . . . | x d. |
| Item, paid, the x. day of Aprelle, for ij bushelles of lyme | viij d. |
| Delivered Truman j quyre of paper . . . . . | iiij d. |
| Item, to the pavier, a corde to the organs . . . | ij d. |
| Item, paid for certeyn tymber and bordes to mende the comen pewes . . . . . | iij s. viij d. |
| Item, paid Ivan the carpender and his man, for iij dayes worke upon the same pewes, after ix. [d. each] . | iiij s. vj d. |
| Item, paid Thomas Dycke and Thomas Williams, for brushinge the churche walles, beinge iij dayes . | v s. ij d. |
| Item, paid one Christofer, for seke John Lyngam . | iiij d. |
| Item, paid to Thomas Season, for mendinge two holes in the glasse window in the wen'[2] chauncelle . | ij d. |
| Item, to the belle man, j corde for the organs . . | ij d. |
| Paid for nayles to mende the churche callans . . | iiij d. |
| Paid, the xj. day of May, for a pece of tymber and ij bordes, to mende the callandes . . . . . | xvj d. |

[1] The jack. [2] So it is written abbreviated in the manuscript.

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| Item, paid Lloyde, for half a dayes worke there . . | vj d. |
| Paid the deacon, the xij. of May, for the ringers brekefast . . . . . | xij d. |
| Item, paid for the weshinge of the table clothes and the towels . . . . . | iiij d. |
| Paid to the deacon for pessinge of a belle rope . . | ij d. |
| Item, paid Thomas a Crue, the 3. of May, for makinge of a bawdricke . . . . . | xx d. |
| Paid John Daulton, for bringinge of a booke for the parishe . . . . . | ij s. |
| Paid John Dalton, for an Omelye booke . . . | iij s. iiij d. |
| Paid to hym for a lyttle booke for m^r parson . . | vj d. |
| Paid for the copie of serteyn articles at my lordes bishopes visitacon . . . . . | vj d. |
| Paid unto Jordeyn and Thomas Turner and ij laborers, for the brasinge of iij belles . . . . . | iiij s. viij d. |
| Paid Richarde Crosse, for nayles and other nessarie thinges for the same belles . . . . . | ij s. x d. |
| Paid for a belle rope . . . . . | ij s. vj d. |
| Paid for a rope for the chymes and cariage of hym . | iiij s. ij d. |
| Paid for xviij li. and a half of soder, at vj d. li., and delivered to Thomas Season . . . . . | ix s. iij d. |
| Item, in rossen . . . . . | j d. |
| Item, in wood and coles . . . . . | xij d. |
| Paid to Thomas Season man, for v dayes worke one the leades withe hym . . . . . | iij s. |
| Item, paid Thomas Crue, for pessinge and mendinge iij bawdrickes . . . . . | xij d. |
| Item, paid for j lode of lyme . . . . . | vj d. |
| Item, paid John Salsburie, for makynge of a grest[1] for my lorde to knele upon . . . . . | iiij d. |
| Payd for a peyse of tymber for the same . . . | vj d. |
| Paid the deacon, for pessinge iij belle ropes . . | vj d. |
| Item, for swepinge the steple steyres . . . | iij d. |

[1] This word appears to mean a cushion, or stool.

Paid for the mendinge of the bere, and nayles and claspes of iron and tymber . . . . . xij d.
Item, delivered the deacon, the xj. day of October, j li. and quarter of sises . . . . . xij d. ob.
Paid ser Richard Cowper, for the kepinge of a booke of christeninges and burienges . . . . . ij s.
Paid to John Blunt, for a lader . . . . . viij d.
Item, delivered the belle man, for a corde to the organs ij d.
Delivered the deacon, a corde for the lantern . . j d.
Paid Thomas Season, for mendinge of alle the glasse windowes in the churche, and he to leve not one hole in alle the windowes . . . . . viij s.
Paid Homfry the pavier, for iij quarters servise in the churche . . . . . iiij s.

Summa . . v li. iiij s. iij d.
So rest due to the parishe . . . v li. xvj s. j d.

## Receittes receyvede by Rycharde Swanson and Richard Hucke for the use of the parishe, beinge churche wardens.

Receyvede of the olde churche wardens, the 8. day of November . . . . . iv li.
Received of the parisheners at Easter . . . xxxvij s. j d.
Received of the parisheners, as by quarter contributors unto the parac'ons of the churche, as apperithe by booke of their names . . . . . iij li. 3 s. 3 d.
Received of a straunger for a grave . . . . vj s. viij d.
Received of Thomas Raynoldes for a grave . . vj s. viij d.
Received of m^rs^ Handley for a grave . . . vj s. viij d.
Received of m^rs^ Pooton for a grave . . . . vj s. viij d.
Received of m^rs^ Langforde for a grave . . . vj s. viij d.
Received for a pewe sett unto Thomas Raynoldes one the northe side, late mistres Cortes . . . iij s. iiij d.

Received of John Merson, for half a pewe, on the southe side, witho John Griffettes bucher . . . ij s. iiij d.
Received of Richarde Hucke, for half a pewe on the northe side, surrendrede by m^rs^ Handley . . xij d.
Summa of alle receittes ys . xj li. iiij d.
Finis.

## Reparacions donne by John Clongnas and Thomas Deos, churche wardens of Ludlow, anno Domini 1564.

In primis, the vij. day of November, in candles. . iij d.
Item, the xiiij. day of November, in candles . . iij d.
Item, the xxj. day of November, in candles . . iij d.
Item, the xxviij. day of November, in candles . . iij d.
Item, paid to William Powis, on the last day of November, for one pounde of sises . . . . x d.
Item, paid on the v. daye of December, for candles . iij d.
Item, the xij. day of December, for candles . . . iij d.
Item, the xix. day of December, for candles . . iij d.
Item, the xxvij. day of December, for candles . . iij d.
Item, the xxviij. day of December, to William Powes for one pounde of sise . . . . . x d.
Item, the vj. day of January, for candles . . iij d.
Item, the xv. day of January, for candles . . . iij d.
Item, the xxiij. day of January, for candles . . iij d.
Item, one the last day of January, for candles . . iij d.
Item, one the viij. day of February, candles . . iij d.
Item, for candles one Easter day . . . . vj d.
Item, for j li. of sises, to William Powes . . . x d.
Item, more iij pounde of candles . . . . ix d.
Item, ij li. of candles and a pounde of tallowe . . ix d.
Item, to Powes for half a pounde of sise . . . v d.
Item, paid for candles the xj. of November . . xviij d.
Item, paid Richarde Swanson for cordes to hange up evy at Christmas about the churche . . . . viij d.

Item, paid to Stephen Knyght, for mendynge the fore belle clapper before Christmas last . . . xvj d.
Item, paid to Richarde Wodwarte, for to mende the chymes against Christmas in wier . . . iiij d.
Item, paid to Thomas Acrue for mendinge of the bawdricke to the belles against Christmas . . iij s. viij d.
Item, paid Richarde Halle, for dressinge the churche with yve . . . . . iiij d.
Item, paid one the xiiij. daie of Marche, to the plommer, for castinge of a leven hundrede of leade . lj s. iiij d.
Item, paid to the plummer for iij skore and fyftene poundes of sowder for the leades . . . xxxvij s. vj d.
Item, paid the plumer, on the xvij. day of Aprelle, for vij daies worke for hym self and his man . . xiiij s.
Item, paid to Yevan the carpenter, on the x. day of Februari, for layinge a pece of tymber in a sommer of the churche . . . . . iiij d.
Item, paid for the pece of tymber and nayles . . iiij d.
Item, paid for ij sawyde bordes . . . . xvij d.
Item, paid for ij rasters[1] . . . . . xiiij d.
Item, paid to Thomas of Galforde, for settinge in of ij rasters[1] in the tope of the churche . . . iij d.
Item, paid for nayles, for the plomer to nayle the leedes xvj d.
Item, paid to Joyce Idwyn, for ij shemes of wode for the plumer . . . . . viij d.
Item, paid for the carienge of the leade to the plumers house to cast . . . . . v d.
Item, paid to the collyer for coles . . . . viij d.
Item, paid to the chamberleyne for a sawede borde . iiij d.
Item, paid to Watter Bolde and his man for worke . viij d.
Item, paid to Richard Crosse, for mendinge of the locke of the vestrie dore, and makinge a key to the same dore ij s.

[1] In the MS. it is clearly *rasters*, but the long *s* and the *f* are so nearly alike, that we cannot always distinguish them, and it may be intended for *rafters*.

Item, for mendinge of a key to the churche dore . iiij d.
Item, paid for a booke for one of the singeinge boyes . vj d.
Item, paid to John Sothern and Wodwarde for walles on the churche house . . . . . xiiij d.
Item, for skynes,[1] glue, and alam, to mend the organs xij d.
Item, paid to the pavier, for pavinge withe in the churche at the northe day . . . . . ij d.
Paid to Thomas Acrue, for mendinge of a bawdricke for the secounde belle . . . . . vj d.
Item, paid to Raffe glassier, for glassinge the churche windowes . . . . . xiiij s.
Item, paid to Rooe, for takinge downe of the belle . viij d.
Item, paid James Willes, to kepe dogges out of the churche . . . . . iiij d.
Item, paid ale and bere to John Rogers for them that toke downe the belle . . . . . xij d.
Item, paid for the wrytinge of our bokes . . . viij d.
Item, paid for the caryenge of a ladder from master Barnabies house to the churche . . . ij d.
Item, paid to Steven Knyght, for mendinge a locke of the clocke house . . . . . ij d.
Item, paid to the deacon at iiij severalle tymes v li. vj s. viij d.
Item, paid the deacon for reparacion of the chymes vj s. viij d.
Item, paid the deacon for mendinge of the belle ropes and storringe[2] the lantorne, and for storringe the steple and leedes . . . . . iij s. iiij d.
Item, paid ser Richarde Cowper, for kepinge the parishe booke . . . . . ij s.
Item, paid John Blunt, for mendinge the grate . . iiij d.
Summa tottallis . . xiij li. viij s. j d.
Recevid by us the saide churche wardens, at our commynge into our office, the some of . . . . v li. xvj s.
Item, more received of the money that was getherede of the parishe at Easter last past . . . xxxv s.

[1] Probably a local word. [2] Another word the meaning of which is obscure.

Item, more received of Robert Draper, for his mothers burialle in the churche . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, more received of Alles Poope, for her mothers burialle in the churche . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, received of quarterege for the reparacion of the churche and the decons wages, as apperithe by bille vij li. ij d.
Summa of alle receittes xv li. iiij s. vj d.
So restes due to the churche . . xxxvj s. v d.

Pewes voyde and to be sett.

One pew late m^rs^ Bradshaw.
A pew by the deathe of m^rs^ Draper.
A pew by the deathe of William Tandie.

Grauntede to John Clongnas, half a pew with m^r^ Farr, and payde to the churche . . . . . iij s. iiij d.
Grauntede to Thomas Deos and Thomas Shrawley, a pew rome behynde the seide pew, to bylde upon, and paid for the same . . . . . iij s. iiij d.
Grauntede to William Pope, gent., the pew late mistres Bradshaw, and paid therfore . . . . viij s.
Summa . . . xiij s. viij d.
Wiche some together withe the forseide some of xxxvj s. v d. ys delyverede into thandes of the new churche wardens, in toto . . . . . lj s. j d.

Finis.[1]

## The accomptes of Richarde Heath and John Waties, churche wardens from the feaste of Alle Sayntes anno Domini 1565 unto the seide feast, for on hoole yeare, anno Domini 1566.

In primis, paid to Richarde Handle for his yeres wages v s. iiij d.

[1] After this, there are six pages of the manuscript left blank, no doubt to receive the Churchwardens' accounts for 1565, which were never entered.

Item, to Thomas Higges, for kepinge the clocke and chymes . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, to mr Tanner, for mendynge the bellies of the great organs . . . . . iij s. iiij d.
Item, to John Blunt and his man, for ij. dayes worke on the great belle . . . . . ij s. x d.
Item, to Thomas Season, for ij. daies worke on the same belle . . . . . xx d.
Item, to William Hardinge for helpinge about the grett belle, and the hevinge up of the pese . . . viij d.
Item, to Stephen Knyght, for nayles and mendinge the buckelles to the great belle . . . . xvij d.
Item, for iij. shorte bordes to leye under ther fette at the deske . . . . . viij d.
Item, for ij. barres for the grate, and settinge in of them . . . . . viij d.
Item, to James Willes, for his yeres wages . . . iij s. iiij d.
Item, to Richarde Haule, for hollie and yevie, and his candlestickes . . . . . viij d.
Item, to William Powes, for iiij. pounde and a halfe of syses candles . . . . . iij s. ix d.
Item, to Thomas Season, for takynge downe of the wedercocke, and settinge up of hit agaune . . iiij s. viij d.
Item, in drincke . . . . . iiij d.
Item, to hym for ix. fote of new glasse . . . vij s. vj d.
Item, more to hym for vj. fote of pessinge . . . ij s.
Item, more to hym for the mendinge of smale holes in the churche windowes . . . . . iij s. iiij d.
Item, for ij. fote of new glasse . . . . . xx d.
Item, more for j. fote of pessinge . . . . iiij d.
Item, for bandes for the windowes, and j. iron barre x d.
Item, for half a pounde of wyer . . . . . vj d.
Item, in paper to ser Richarde Cowper . . . ij d.
Item, for ij. barres for the grate . . . . . vj d.

Item, paid to John Blunt and John Rooe, for mendinge the bere and the grate . . . . . xiiij d.
Item, for nayles . . . . . iiij d.
Item, to Richarde Haule, for swepinge the glasse windowes about the churche against Easter . . iiij d.
Item, to John Blunt and John Roe, for j. dayes worke on the secounde tenor . . . . . xx d.
Item, to Thomas Higges, for pessinge the belle ropes, and washinge the table clothes . . . . xx d.
Item, for ij. new belle ropes to the geret belle and the secounde tenor . . . . . x s. vj d.
Item, to Thomas a Crue for a new bawdricke . . xx d.
Item, to the saide Thomas, for mendinge v. bawdrickes ij s.
Item, to Thomas Higges for his yeres wages . v li. vj s. viij d.
Item, to mr chauncelor, at the delyveringe of the christeninge boke . . . . . xij d.
Item, paid to mr Tanner, for mendinge of the great organs . . . . . xx s.
Item, to Thomas Willson, and John Luston, for makinge clenne under the grate . . . . xij d.
Item, paid to John Rooe, for mendinge of the bere . ij s.
Item, to John Rawlyns, saddler, for the mendinge of iij. bawdrickes . . . . . xiiij d.
Item, to Thomas Bedow, for a pece of tymber to make iij. stockes to the belle . . . . . iiij s. viij d.
Item, paid for xij. horse lodes of lyme . . . v s.
Item, for ij. cordes to the organs . . . . viij d.
Item, for a belle to James Willes . . . . ij d.
Item, spent gowinge to Clyfton to my lorde bishope . xvj d.
Item, to mr Parson, for a booke of prayer against the Torke[1] . . . . . vj d.

[1] The Turks were at this time threatening Europe in the East and in the Mediterranean, and prayers were ordered to be offered up against them in parish churches all over England. In the Church Wardens' Accounts of the parish of St. Helen's, Abingdon, the

Item, to Hoelle Smythe, for a lode of sande . . . viij d.
Item, to Crokett, for dyginge and siftinge of ytt, and for a new rydle . . . . . iiij d.
Item, paid to Richard Hobbie, for mendinge of the grate viij d.
Item, to Steven Knyght, for shuttinge of the springes of the chymes, and for a clampe of iron for naylles, and for v neue nottes . . . . . ij s. iiij d.
Item, paid for xx li. of tallow candles, delivered to the deacon . . . . . v s.
Item, paid to Walter Boulde, for mendynge of the buttresses about the churche . . . . ij s. viij d.
Summa . . . xj li. vij s. viij d.

## Receyvede for burialles in the churche.

Received for the burialle of William Benson . . vj s. viij d.
Received for the burialle of John a Gwillm . . vj s. viij d.
Received for the burialle of m^rs^ Walker . . . vj s. viij d.
Memorandum, received for the Easter duties . . xlij s.

Item, that we have sett these setes folowinge.

In primis, to Symonde Thorton and Jane his wif, on sette on the southe side of the churche, which was m^rs^ Foxe . . . . . iiij s.
Item, one sette to Thomas Alsope and Agnes his wyf, and Thomas Hunte and Elsabeth hys wif, wiche was Edwarde Cuppers . . . . iiij s.
Item, to William Cleobury, on seate on the northe syde the weddinge churche dore, which was Ancrete Beadoes . . . . . ix s. vj d.
Item, on sete to Richarde Cupper, baker, and Elynor his wife, one the northe side the fonte, which was William Pensons . . . . . vj s.

following entry occurs: "Anno 1565, payde for two bookes of common prayer agaynste invading of the Türke, vj d." Sixpence appears to have been the established price of this book of prayer.

Item, on sette to Richarde Heathe and Elynor his wife, sett on the northe syde the poore mans boxe, wiche was Thomas Raskolles, at . . . . . v s. viij d.

Item, on sette to Elsabeth Bottfylde, on the northe syde the churche, adyoyninge to on of the arches, wich was Davie Jones . . . . . xx d.

Item, on half sete to John Dalton and Jane his wife, parte with mistres Partrige, wiche was old m^res^ Drapers, at . . . . . ij s.

Item, on sete to Morris Philipes and Agnes his wife, beinge benethe the deske, and nowe in the tenure of the saide Morrice Philipes, at . . . iij s.

Summa . . . . . iiij li. xviij s. x d.

Sum of the hole charge . . . xj li. xvij s. vj d.

Whereof payde . . . . xj li. vij s. viij d.

So the churche wardens rest in the churches dett ix s. x d.

Whereof paid to the deacon for settinge clocke and chymes vj s. viij d.

Payde therof to ser Richarde Cupper . . ij s.

So restes . . . . . ij s. x d.

Finis.

## The accomptes of Thomas Ashbage and Henry Cleoburie, churche wardens of the towne of Ludlow, anno Domini 1567.

Item, paid to Thomas Higges, beinge deacon, for one yeres wages . . . . . v li. vj s. viij d.

Item, paid to Richarde Haule, for one yeres wages . v s. iiij d.

Item, paid to hym for the hanginges aboute the churche at Christmas . . . . . viij d.

Item, paid for ij. belle ropes for the seconde tenor and our Lady belle . . . . . x s. vj d.

Item, paid for one gable rope for the chymes and one rope for the mornynge prayer belle . . viij s. viij d.

Item, paid Thomas Season, for xxxiiij. li. of leade at ij d. the li. . . . . v s. viij d.

Item, paid to hym for xij li. soder, at vij d. the pounde . . . vij s.
Item, for rossen and nayles to the same worke . . . ij d.
Item, paid to Thomas Season, for vj. daies worcke for hym and his boye in the monethe of Marche . . vj s.
Item, paid to Thomas Season, for iiij li. of soder in the monethe of October . . . . . ij s. iiij d.
Item, paid to Thomas Season, for one dayes worcke and a half for hym and his boye, in the moneth of October . . . . . xvj d.
Item, paid to Walter Boulde, in Marche, for a xj. dayes worke and a halfe, at xij d. the day . . . . xj s. vj d.
Item, paid to William Lloyde, laborer, for x dayes worke in the monethe of Marche, at vj d. the daye . . v s.
Item, paid for viij. bozells of lyme, and one rynge[1] of tanners lyme, in Marche last . . . . . iij s.
Item, paid to Howelle Smythe, for on lode of sande and the syftinge of the same . . . . . viij d.
Item, paid for on pece of tymber for the ruffe[2] of the churche on the southe side . . . . . iij d.
Item, paid Walter Boulde, for the makynge a pece for the chyme, and Edwarde Humffries, his servantt, to helpe hym . . . . . ix d.
Item, paid for coles and faggottes to heate the plumers yereons[3] . . . . . xix d.
Item, paid to James Cowerne, for his paynes in commynge to vewe[4] the steple . . . . . xij d.
Item, paid to James Wylles, for the fachinge[5] of the forsaide James Cowerne . . . . . iiij d.
Item, delivered unto the deacon in paste candles[6] xviij li. at iij d. the pounde . . . . . iiij s. vj d.
Item, delivered to the deacon v li. and half of syses . iiij s. vij d.

[1] A name for a measure or quantity which I have not met with elsewhere.
[2] Roof. [3] Irons. [4] To view, examine.
[5] Fetching. [6] Perhaps we should read *Passe* (*i.e.* Easter) *candles*.

Item, paid to John Trueman and Richard Johnson, for the pryckeinge oute of synginge bokes . . xiiij s.
Item, paid to Lewys the tyler and Thomas Wilson, for makinge cleane of the churche windowes and the walles . . . . . ij s. vj d.
Item, paid Thomas a Crue for one bauld rope . . xx d.
Item, paid John Rawlyns, sadler, for the mendinge of ij. bauld ropes[1] . . . . . viij d.
Item, paid John Roe, carpender, for the makinge of new lokers, and for mendinge of grates in the church calendes . . . . . ij s. iiij d.
Item, paid John Rooe, for the mendinge of the bere . ij d.
Item, paid John Dallton, for a Psallter boke . . ij s.
Item, paid for ij. coordes to the organs . . . iiij d.
Item, paid Thomas Season, for hanginge of the lampe and fastenynge of the glasse in the steple . . viij d.
Item, paid to Raffe Harvie, for xxxviij. foote of new glasse, at ix d. the foote . . . . xxviij s. vj d.
Item, paid to the said Raffe, for the settinge up of xiiij. foote of olde glasse, at iij d. the foote . . . iij s. vj d.
Item, paid to Thomas Season, for xxx. foote of new glasse, at ix d. the foote . . . . . xxij s. vj d.
Item, paid to Thomas Season, for the settinge up of xxxiij. foote of olde glasse, at iij d. the foote . viij s. vj d.
Item, paid to Richarde Crosse, for v. staffpes[2] for the glasse windowes in the stepulle . . . xij d.
Item, to hym for one claspe of yron more for the whole of the belle . . . . . vj d.
Item, for on lesser claspe of yron . . . . ij d.
Item, for clyppes of yron to the bere . . . . ij d.
Item, for on key to a cooffer in the highe chauncelle . iij d.

[1] What are elsewhere called *baldricks*.

[2] This word is written rather confusedly; and I am not sure it was not intended to be *staples*, or perhaps *clasps*.

Item, paid to Steven Knyght for v. claspes of iron to the arches of the churche, wiche Walter Boulde dyde mende, on the southe syde . . . . ij s. iij d.
Item, paid to Steven Knyght, for the mendinge of the greate belle clapper, at ij. severalle tymes . . vj s.
Item, paid unto Stephen, for xvj. nayles, and for settinge on a claspe on the stocke of the belle . . vj d.
Item, paid for the makinge of our boke to gether our quartereges by . . . . . viij d.
Item, paid to the deacon, for the kepinge of the clocke and the chymes . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, paid Thomas Higges, deacon, for pesynge the belle ropes at sondry tymes . . . . . xvj d.
Summa totallis disbursed . . xiiij li. xiiij s. iiij d.

## Memorandum, receyvede by Thomas Ashebache and Henry Cleoburie to the use of the parishe.

Receyvede at the handes of Richarde Heath and John Watties of the stocke of the churche . . . x d.
Item, received of the Easter boke in money . . xl s.
Received of the inhabitauntes dwellynge in the towne of Ludlow, for quarterege . . . . vj li. xiij s. x d.
Received, for ij. burialles in the churche, on for m^res^ Belle thelder, and the other for William Wattes syster . . . . . xiij s. iiij d.
Received of Richarde Maddokes, for grounde to byld on pew at the nether arche . . . . . ij s.
Received of m^r^ Farre, for half a pew wiche John Clongnas did assine over to hym . . . xviij d.
Received of John Moriys, wever, for halfe a pew that Richarde Adams wife, his mother-in-law, assignede over to hym . . . . . ij s. iiij d.

Received of Henry Cleoburie, for on pew graunted to hym by John Sherman, gent., and William Yomans, then beinge baylyfes of Ludlow . . iij s. iiij d.

Received of Watter Taylor, tanner, for the rent of the bricke closse due at Mychalmas . . . viij s.

Summa . . x li. v s. ij d.

So the parishe resteth in the churche wardens dett for this yeare . . . . iiij li. ix s. ij d.

Finis.

A just accomptt made by me, George Sothern and John Belle, churche wardens of Ludlow, then bayliffes Robert Leues and Edwarde Bager, anno Domini 1568.

In primis, unto Richarde Haule, for his yeares wages, for blowynge of the organs and kepinge of the churche clene . . . . . v s. iiij d.

Item, paid to Thomas Higges, for his hole yeares wages . . . . . v li. vj s. viij d.

Item, paid to John Rooe, for ij. bordes to make wether bordes for the windowes in the steple . . xviij d.

Item, paid unto the same John Rooe, for the workinge of the same bordes, for on dayes worke . . vj d.

Item, paid to John Sawiere, his servante, for the same dayes workes withe hym . . . . . iiij d.

Item, paid for ij. cordes for the organs . . . iij d.

Item, paid for clote neales to neale a plate of yron of one of the belle whilles . . . . . j d.

Item, paid to Raffe, glacier, for the glasinge of the window in saynt Margrettes chauncelle . . iiij s. x d.

Item, paid to Richarde Haule, for yeves and hollies for the churche . . . . . vj d.

Item, paid to Thomas Season, for tornynge of the clocke on the secounde tenor . . . . . xij d.

Item, paid to Thomas Crue, for the lyninge of bawdrickes . . . . . viij d.
Item, paid to Thomas Season, for sowder for the leades of the churche on the northe side . . . . iij s.
Item, halfe a pounde of rossen . . . . . j d.
Item, paid for bordes . . . . . ij d.
Item, paid for woode to heate the irons . . . . ij d.
Item, paid to James Willes, for drivinge doges out of the churche . . . . . ij s. iiij d.
Item, paid to Thomas Season, for makinge clene the stiple iiij s.
Item, paid to Thomas Season, for workinge of the leades ij s. vj d.
Item, paid to John Blunt and his man, for hanginge the secounde tenor . . . . . xx d.
Item, paid to Richarde Crosse, for makinge ij. peare of buckels for the secounde tenor, and for makinge naylles to neale the same buckles . . . xix d.
Item, paid for ij. seses and a lode of sande . . x d.
Item, paid to John Rawlyns, for a bawdricke for the fore belle . . . . . vj d.
Item, paid Water Bolde, for iij. dayes worke on the churche walle . . . . . iij s.
Item, paid to John Erle . . . . . iij s. iiij d.
Item, paid to John Reynaldes . . . . . xviij d.
Item, paid for poles and bordes to make the cather [1] for the steple . . . . . xij d.
Item, paid for lyme . . . . . vj s. iij d.
Item, paid for nayles . . . . . xiiij d.
Item, paid for viij. haulters . . . . . viij d.
Item, paid for ij. knotes [2] of cordes . . . . xvj d.
Item, paid to Howelle Smythe, for ij. lode of sande carienge . . . . . viij d.
Item, paid to Crokett, for the siftinge of ytt . . iiij d.

[1] Another word of doubtful meaning. In the dialects of the North of England a *cather* is a cradle.

[2] ? knots.

Item, paid for one lode of poles . . . . . xxij d.
Item, paid for a rynge . . . . . xxij d.
Item, paid to Watter Bolde, for workinge one the steple xix dayes, havinge xvj d. a day . . xxv s. iiij d.
Item, paid to Thomas Season, for workinge one the steple xix. dayes, havinge xj d. a day . . xvij s. v d.
Item, paid to John Sawier, for workinge one the steple xix. dayes, havinge vj d. a day . . . . ix s. vj d.
Item, paid to John Renaldes, for workinge one the steple xx. dayes, havinge vij d. a day . . . xj s. j d.
Item, paid to John Erle, for workinge one the steple xiiij. dayes, havinge xij d. a day . . . xiiij s.
Item, paid to Watter Bolde, for makinge of a cradelle to goe about the steple . . . . . xij d.
Item, paid to Steven Knyght, for workynge of xxvj. pounde and a halufe of iron, withe ij pounde and a halfe of his owne, at iij. ferthinges a pounde workynge . . . . . iiij s. vj d.
Item, paid for a pounde of candles to Water Bolde, to see to worke in the chyme lofte . . . . iij d.
Item, paid to Thomas Season, for xij. pounde of leade xviij d.
Item, paid for ale into the stiple at the takinge downe of the belle . . . . . xvj d.
Item, for packethirde and whipcorde . . . iij d.
Item, to William, torner, for turnynge of the powleys ij d.
Item, for lycar for the same powleys . . . iiij d.
Item, paid to Humfry Season, for one dayes worke at the takynge downe of the belle . . . . viij d.
Item, paid to Richarde Season, for one dayes worke at the takinge downe of the belle . . . . vj d.
Item, paid to John Blunt, for ij. dayes worke for stockinge and hanginge of the belle . . . . ij s.
Item, paid to Thomas Season, for ij. dayes at the hanginge up of the belle . . . . . ij s.

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| Item, paid to Frances the belle fonder, for hanginge up of the belle . . . . . | iij s. |
| Item, paid to Humfry Ley, for wyer for the chymes | iiij d. |
| Item, paid for a pece of tymber for the steple . . | xij d. |
| Item, paid for a pottelle of wyne, when we went to m^r Hopton to borow hys gable[1] . . . . | viij d. |
| Item, paid for a horse to carie the same gable . . | iiij d. |
| Item, paid to John Blunt for ij. dayes for the grate for the churche yearde . . . . . | viij d. |
| Item, delivered to Thomas Higges in talow candles, ix pounde at iij d. and iij d. ob. a pounde, and for iij. pounde and a quarter of a pounde of waxe candles, beinge at x d. a pounde . . . . . | v s. iij d. |
| Item, delivered to Richarde Haule, iij. pounde of candles at Christmas last, to set in the body of the churche | ix d. |
| Item, paid to John Erle for the coveringe of ij. graves | vj d. |
| Item, paid for a rope for the fore belle . . . | iiij s. vj d. |
| Item, paid to Steven Knyght, for a plate for one of the belle whiles . . . . . | vj d. |
| Item, more to Steven Knyght, for mendinge of the chyme . . . . . | ij d. |
| Item, paid to the smythe of Ludfort for the stable of the gret belle . . . . . | ij s. viij d. |
| Item, paid to ser Richard Cowper for the kepinge of the register booke . . . . . | ij s. |
| Item, paid to Crue for mendinge of a bawdricke . | iiij d. |
| Item, paid to John Blunt for mendinge ij. callans[2] . | vij d. |
| Item, paid to Crue for makinge a bawdricke for the grett belle . . . . . | ij s. |
| Item, more to hym for mendinge ij. bawdrickes for ij. of the least belles . . . . . | iiij d. |

[1] *i.e.* cable.

[2] The meaning of this seems rather obscure. Perhaps it means the two callends, or lichegates, the principal one, and that of the College, mentioned before.

Item, paid for lij. pounde of iron, at j d. ob. the pounde to Steven Knyght . . . . . vj s. vj d.
Item, paid for the workinge of xlij. pounde, at iij. quarter the pounde . . . . . ij s. vj d.
Item, paid to William Season, for workinge xix dayes one the steple . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, paid to Thomas Higges for one pounde of candles iij d. ob.
Item, delivered more to Thomas Higges, one pounde of waxe candles . . . . . x d.
Item, to Richarde Crosse for a while to the chymes . xvj d.
Item, paid more to Crosse for shuttinge the springe that berethe the clocke hamer . . . . . ij d.
Item, mor to Crosse for shuttinge the whope of the stocke of the yelde[1] belle . . . . . j d.
Item, for one of the keys for the chymes for the mendinge of ytt . . . . . j d.
Item, paid for the mendinge of the staye of the wache while . . . . . j d.
Item, paid for vj. pound of iron, and for the makinge of the claper for the yelde belle . . . . . ij s. vj d.
Item, paid for the workinge of iij. score pounde of iron for the hanginge up of the yelde belle . . . iij s. iiij d.
Item, paid to master Becke for iiij. lodes of lyme . ij s.
Item, paid to Thomas Season for the coveringe of Annes Tranter grave . . . . . iiij d.
Item, paid to Thomas Powelle, carpenter, for the mendinge of the churche grate . . . . . vj d.
Item, delivered to Higges one pounde of candles . iij d. ob.
Item, more to Lanfilde the barber, for one pounde of waxe candles . . . . . x d.
Item, paid to Watter Bolde, for the coveringe of ij. graves viij d.
Item, paid for ij. lynkes for the churche . . . . xiiij d.
Sum tottallis of this allowaunce . xv li. xix s.

[1] Guild bell.

Receyvede for the burialles in the churche.

In primis, received of John Philipes, alles Capper, for the burialle of his mother . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, received for the burialle of mr Walters man . vj s. viij d.
Item, received for the burialle of on Pyxley, that diede at master Stringer house . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, received for the burialle of John Handmere, mr Gerrades man . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, received for the burialle of Aggnes Traunter . vj s. viij d.
Item, received for the burialle of William Hucke wife vj s. viij d.

Receyvede for pues.

In primis, received of William Frenche, baker, for one pew one the southe side against saynt Cathern chauncelle . . . . . v s.
Item, received of John Phillipes, ales Capper, for haulfe a pewe on the northe side against saynt Margrettes chauncelle . . . . . iiij s.

Receyvede in money at Easter.

Item, receyvede at Easter for the Easter booke . . xlij s.
Getherede for the reparacon of the churche and the deacons wages of the parishe this some as here after folowith . . . . . vj li. v s. iiij d.
Sum of the receittes . . x li. xvj s. iiij d.
So rest due to the churche wardens uppon this accomptt . . . . . v li. ij s. viij d.
Wherof receyvede of master Passie for the after marthe[1] of Portman meadow,[2] wiche ought to be commen, savinge the order . . . . . vj s. viij d.

Finis.

[1] After-math.

[2] Portman meadow is mentioned in all the churchwardens' accounts about this period. It appears that it was leased to Mr. Passie, and that some disagreement had arisen about it.

VILLA DE LUDLOW. The account of William Browne and Thomas Shrawley, churchewardens, in the tyme of Richarde Farr and John Taylor, bayliffes, vz. anno Domini 1569.

In primis, payd unto Thomas Higges, being deacon, ffor his whole yeres wages . . . . . v li. vj s. viij d.
Item, payd unto Richard Halle for his ffee in the churche ffor the whole yere . . . . . v s. iij d.
Item, payd unto Jamys Willes ffor his fee ffor whipping of dogges out of churche . . . . . iij s.
Item, payd unto Richard Hall for holly and evy against Christmas, to hang in the church . . . vj d.
Item, paid unto Richard Swanson ffor ij°. belles ffor the whip to whip dogges out of church . . . iiij d.
Item, deliveryd to Richard Halle iij. li. of candelles to burne in the churche one Christmas day . . ix d.
Item, payd unto Steven Knight, ffor shutting and mending of the clapper of the santes bell . . . iiij d.
Item, payd ffor the top or cover of the beer, ffor the mendinge of the same, and naylles . . . ij d.
Item, payd unto Thomas Season, ffor mendinge of the fount in manor and fforme folowing, viz.: ffor wood ij d., ffor workemanship ij d., ffor sowerder [1] vj d. in all x d.
Item, payd unto Steven Knight ffor mending of the second clapper, and making him shorter . . vj d.
Item, payd ffor wier ffor the mending of the chymes . iiij d.
Item, iij. smale cordes ffor the glasier to bynd his ladders ij d.
Item, payd for iij°. keyes and ij°. haspes and naylles ffor ij°. coffers in the high chaunsell . . . . ix d.
Item, ffor mending of the beer at ij. severall tymes, a claspe of iron, in nalles and workemanship . xj d.

[1] Soder.

Item, payd ffor xvj. li. of tallow candelles at severall tymes, deliveryd to the deacon, at 3 d. the pound iiij s.

Item, iiij. li. of sizes at severall tymes, deliveryd to the deacon . . . . . iij s. iiij d.

Item, payd unto Thomas Season, ffor the covering of Richard Tomlyns grave . . . . . iij d.

Item, payd unto Thomas Season, ffor the covering of John Benyons grave . . . . . iij d.

Item, payd unto Season ffor the covering of Walter Taylors wieffes grave . . . . . iij d.

Item, payd unto Thomas Season ffor the mending of severall places, as paving in the northe yle of the church . . . . . iij d.

Item, payd ffor the mending of the second belle whele and naylles . . . . . ij d.

Item, payd unto Raffe Harvye, ffor vij^en^ ffoote of newe glasse in St. Margettes chaunsell, at 8 the foote iiij s. viij d.

More to him, ffor setting of xj. ffoote of old glasse in the same chauncell, at 3 d. the ffoote . . ij s. ix d.

Item, payd ffor iij. long sawede bordes ffor to make a dore into the vestery . . . . . ij s.

Item, payd unto the masson ffor the breking of the wawle and ffashioning of the dore in the vestery, ffor him and his man, by the agreementes of m^r^ bayliffes iiij s. vj d.

Item, payd unto John Blunt and his man, ffor ij^o^. dayes work in making of the dore in the vesterye . . ij s. iiij d.

Item, payd ffor viij li. of lead, to faste the hokes of the vestery dore in the walle . . . . . xij d.

Item, payd unto Steven Knight, ffor workmanship of xxxvj li. of old iron wich was in the vestry window before, as foloweth, viz. ij^o^. gret hinges, ij^o^. hokes, ij^o^. boltes, iiij^or^. staples, xliiij^or^. grete naylles. . iiij s. vj d.

Item, payd more ffor iiij li. of wast iron, in exchang in the same iron . . . . . vj d.

Item, in spicke nayles ffor the same dore . . . ix d.

Item, payd ffor the making cleane of the said vestry, and of the sayd kreking [1] of stones and ramell . iij d.

Item, payd ffor the mending of the gabulle rope of the chymes, to Thomas Higges . . . . viij d.

Item, payd ffor the iron and making of ij. hokes to claspe the clocke howse unto the wawle . . . viij d.

Item, payd ffor iiij li. of lead to fasten the sayd hokes into the wall . . . . . vj d.

Item, payd ffor the setting in of the sayd ij°. hokes, and making of the holles into the walle, and a handell ffor the thrid belle, and naylles . . . . xij d.

Item, payd unto Fraunces Bellingham, the bell-fownder, and Thomas Season, ffor trussing of the grete belle, being lose in the stocke, and moving the brasses. xvj d.

Item, payd unto the smithe ffor viij. grete naylles ffor the trussing of the same belle . . . . iiij d.

Item, payd unto Thomas Season, ffor seetting a pece in the sille for the chyme hamber at the second belle, in timber, workmanship, and nayles . . . viij d.

Item, payd unto Thomas Season towardes his yeres wages ffor glassing . . . . . xx s.

Item, payd unto Steven Knight, ffor the mending of the watchwhele of the clock . . . . viij d.

Item, payd unto John Dalton for iiij^or^. pricke song bokes in printe, ffor the churche . . . . viij s.

Item, payd for the exchange of a new Bible, to John Dalton . . . . . xx s.

Item, payd unto ser Richard Cowper, ffor a coppy of the rejester booke of the parishe of Ludlowe, conteigning weddinges, christninges, and burienges, in yeres last past, to be deliveryd unto the bishop at his visitacon, the furst of June 1569 . . . ij s.

[1] A word of which I cannot give the meaning.

Item, payd ffor the quarterege boke . . . . . viij d.
Item, payd ffor iij. sawed bordes to make the gate to the churchyard next the almeshouse . . . . . ij s.
A pece of tymber to make the same gate . . . viij d.
For bord naylles to the same gate . . . . . iij d.
Item, payd ffor ij°. sawed bordes to make a gresses[1] to sett under the singing mens ffeete in the highe chaunsell . . . . . xij d.
Item, borde naylles ffor the same . . . . . iiij d.
For the ledges and workmanship . . . . . x d.
Item, payd ffor a rope ffor the thrid bell . . iiij s. viij d.
Item, payd ffor a rope ffor the first bell . . iiij s. viij d.
Payd ffor the carriadg of the same rope ffrom Beaudley iiij d.
Item, payd ffor xxiiij. li. of iron to make barres ffor the windowes in saint Margerettes chauncell and other places . . . . . iij s.
Deliveryd to Richard Hall a cord ffor the grete organes ij d.
Item, payd ffor the mending of the pullis of the chymes ij d.
Item, payd ffor the coppyeng of a book at the chauncelors visitacon . . . . . vj d.
Item, payd ffor the mending of the clothe over the orgaynes, to Thomas Higges . . . . . v d.
Item, payd ffor the taking out of the signe of the crosse out of an alter clothe, to Higges wief . . . ij d.
Item, payd unto William Lloide, ffor making holles ffor the boltes in the vestry dore and steple dore . ij d.
Item, in takes[2] to mend the vanes of the chymes, and also the hundelles[3] with lethers ffor the ropes . j d.
Item, to Richard Hall, a rope ffor the smale organs . j d.
Item, to mr Far, ffor the coppieng a bok to the visitacon of the bishop . . . . . xij d.
Item, deliveryd more withe bok of christninges and burienges to the chauncelors man . . . xij d.

[1] Low benches to stand on. [2] Tacks. [3] Perhaps for *handelles*.

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| Item, payd ffor iij. bordes for the over dore in the steple, and ffor wetherbordes in the steple windowes . | ij s. |
| Item, naylles ffor the same dore and windowes . . | vj d. |
| Item, one peyer of hinges ffor the same dore . . | vj d. |
| For a dayes work to Thomas ap Powell ffor the sayd dore, and mending the grate . . . . . | x d. |
| Item, to Richard Hall, a cord ffor the grete orgaines | ij d. |
| Item, grete tackes to mend the whele of the second bell | j d. |
| Item, payd unto one to healp aboutes the handelles and peces of the clock and chimes . . . . | vj d. |
| Item, payd unto Steven Knyght, ffor making of ij°. claspes of iron ffor the cest [1] in the almes howses | iij d. |
| Item, more to Steven Knight, ffor the workmanship of xxiiij li. of iron ffor barres in the windowes in St. Margettes chauncell, and other windowes . . | ij s. |
| Item, payd more to Steven Knight, ffor mending the clapper of the grete bell . . . . . | xvj d. |
| Item, payd unto Steven Knight, ffor xviij li. of iron to the gate in the churchyard . . . . | ij s. iij d. |
| For workmanship of the same in hinges and hokes . | xviij d. |
| Item, payd unto Thomas Season and one with him, upon sowdering the leades of the churche, ffor vij^en^ dayes woork, after the rate of x d. the daye ffor him self, to the some of . . . . . | v s. x d. |
| Item, ffor his man vij^en^. dayes after vj d. a daye . | iij s. vj d. |
| Item, payd ffor iij. seames of wood . . . . | xij d. |
| Item, payd ffor xij li. of sowder . . . . | vj s. |
| Item, payd to the same Thomas Season ffor ij°. dayes pointing one the leades . . . . . | xx d. |
| Item, payd unto Thomas Dyke, for ij. dayes pointing one the leades . . . . . | xx d. |
| Item, payd ffor vj. ringes [2] of lyme . . . . | ij s. |

[1] Chest. [2] Probably a local name of a measure.

Item, payd unto Thomas Season, ffor the trussing of our Lady bell, and ij°. men with him, and ffor other necessarys aboutes the belles . . . ij s.

Item, payd ffor naylles and shutting of the brases to the same bell . . . . . iij d.

Item, ffor a clasp of iron to the thrid bell . . . iiij d.

Item, naylles ffor the same . . . . . j d.

Item, ffor the removing of a grave stone, and setting in the brasse in the middle yle of the church . xvj d.

Item, a locker and a handell ffor the second bell . iiij d.

Item, payd ffor bordes to ley under the gutter over the deacons chamber, and nayles ffor the same . vij d.

Item, payd more to Thomas Season, ffor making cleane of the leades over all the church . . . xij d.

Item, payd unto the persons undernamed by mr baylliffes appointment, according to the statute for misse heades, rattes heades, and crowes heades, as folowethe[1]

Item, payd unto Richard Swanson, ffor ij°. dosen of myse heades, the iij. of February, 1569 . . . ij d.

Item, payd unto Richard Swanson, the 19 of Februarye, 1569, ffor ij. dosen of myse heades . . . ij d.

Item, payd unto Richard Swanson, the 6 of Aprill, 1569, ffor iiij dosen of myse heades . . . . iiij d.

Item, payd to John Mathewes sonne, ffor j. dosen of myse heades . . . . . j d.

Item, payd unto Richard Swanson, the 17 of Marche, 1569, ij. dosen of myse heades . . . . ij d.

Item, to Steven Knightes sonne, ffor ix krowes heades, in February, 1569 . . . . . iij d.

[1] The statute alluded to was that of 8 Elizabeth, chap. 15, "An Act for preservation of grain," by which the churchwardens in every parish, with other persons to the number of six, were directed to provide for the destruction of "noyfull fowles and vermyn," and a price was set upon their heads. A numerous list of the birds and vermin thus proscribed will be found in the Act.

Item, payd unto Steven Knyghtes sonne, for ij dosen of myse heades in Marche . . . . . ij d.

Item, payd unto Richard Swanson the iiij. of May, ffor one dosen of myse heades . . . . . j d.

Item, payd unto m^r^ Smithes sonne of Crednyll, ffor iij. yong crowes heades . . . . . j d.

Item, the xvj. of May, iij. crowes heades of m^r^ Barnabes sonne . . . . . j d.

Item, payd unto Richard Swanson, the 16 of May, ij. dosen of myse heades . . . . . ij d.

Item, payd unto m^r^ Beekes man, the 28 of May, 1569, ffor vj chohes[1] heades . . . . . j d.

Item, payd unto Richard Swanson, the iij. of September, j dosen of myse heades . . . . . j d.

Item, payd unto Thomas Crew, ffor mending ij. bauderickes of the belles at severall tymes . . xij d.

Item, payd unto Thomas Wilson, ffor breking downe the stones in St. Margeretes chauncell and our Lady chauncell, that images stode upon .. . . iiij d.

Item, payd unto Thomas Wilson, ffor the plaistering of the same walles that the stones weere broken out, and lyme ffor the same . . . . . ij d.

Item, payd ffor carriage away of the broken stones, and making cleane the chauncelles . . . . ij d.

Item, payd unto the turner, ffor the mending the pullis of the chymes . . . . . ij d.

Item, deliveryd to Thomas Higges, the ix^th^ of this December, a j li. of tallow candelles, and halfe a pownd of sizes viij d.

Item, in spick nayles to make up the gate in the churcheyard . . . . . iij d.

Item, payd more unto Thomas Season towardes his waiges ffor one yere, ended at All Sainctes last xiij s. iiij d.

Item, payd unto John Dalton, ffor ij^o^. Salter bookes ffor the churche . . . . . v s.

[1] Choughs.

Item, payd unto John Blunt, ffor tymber at the gate in the churchyerd . . . . . viij d.

Item, payd unto John Blunt ffor the mending and reising of the brasse of the thrid bell, and setting her upright in the brasse . . . . . viij d.

More payd to the deacon ffor his ffee ffor mending of the clock and chymes, wiers, and ropes . . . vj s. viij d.

More payd to sir Richard Cowper, clark, ffor keping the book of weddinges, christninges, and burienges ij s.

## Receiptes to the use of the churche as folowethe, 1569.

Imprimis, receaved at Ester . . . . . xl s.

Item, receaved of quarterege . . . . . vj li. iiij s. ij d.

Item, receaved ffor the buriall of Richard Tomlyns . vj s. viij d.

Item, receaved ffor the buriall of one John Benion . vj s viij d.

Receaved ffor the buriall of Walter Taylor's wief . vj s. viij d.

Receaved ffor the buriall of m^r^ Ellys daughter . . vj s. viij d.

Memorandum, that Elizabethe Parkys, widow, hathe surrendred her parte of a pewe in the northe parte of the churche to William Prikett, the 19 of February, 1569. Receaved . . . . . xvj d.

Item, receaved of Nichalas Chirme and Adam Heywood, ffor the surrender of a pewe in the northe syde of the churche, ffrom Thomas Reynoldes by m^r^ bayliffes consent . . . . . ij s.

Item, a pew graunted by m^r^ bayliffes to Cutwallater ap Edward, Auncell Clee, Ales Norton, Margaret Norton, and Margery Norton, and to every of them, which pewe was one Katherin Norton, deceassed, with one yered[1] of grownd more enlarged. Receaved ffor the same . . . . . iij s iiij d.

Receaved of Richard Hill, walker,[2] ffor half a pewe one the southe side of the church . . . . . iij s. iiij d.

[1] One yard. [2] A walker meant a fuller.

Memorandum, that Richard Lloide hathe resined a pewe in the lower end of the churche, anont[1] the font, to Thomas Shrauley, being one of the churchwardens, and to Edward ap Davith, and that wee have payd to the church therfore . . . . iij s. j d.

Item, receaved ffor certen peces of old timber bordes, taken ffrom the ffrount of sainct Johns chauncell, serving but ffor smale purpos . . . . vij s. iiij d.

Item, graunted a pew grownd ffor Robert Stringer, at our Lady chauncell dore, wherfore receaved by the consent of m^r bayliffes . . . . . iij s. iiij d.

Item, a pew graunted to m^r Poughenell, nere to the chauncell, that m^r bayliffes commenly use to knele in, graunted by the consentes of m^r bayliffes, the which pew was m^r Richarde Langfordes, decessed. Receaved . . . . . ij s.

Memorandum, graunted unto Edward Acheley, one pew next adjoigning to a pew of Peter Benson, in the nether end of the southe yle of the churche, and payd ffor the same, in consideracon that m^r Blashefeld and m^r Beck did allege hit was payd ffor before, and recorded by the assigment of Joyse Edwyn . . . . . vj d.

Ther is noe reversion to be graunted by the custome.

Item, receaved of Richard Dier ffor the assigment of half a pewe in the middle of the churche, ffrom John Dalton, and late his mother in lawes, by consent of the bayliffes . . . . . xij d.

Receaved of m^r Passye, ffor the after mathe of Portman meadow, which ought to be commen, by order . vj s. viij d.

Item, receaved of Richard Farr and John Taylor, ffor the assigment of a pew in the middle of the churche, ffrom Richard Dier and his wief, by consentes, in money . . . . . vj d.

[1] Opposite.

Item, receaved of Richard Farr and John Taylor, ffor the assigment of a pewe in the north syde of the churche, from William Chelmick thelder, by consentes . . . . . vj d.

Item, receaved of William Chelmick, ffor thassigment of half a pewe in the lower ende of the churche, ffrom Richard Farr, being late m^r^ Hudsons, by consent vj d.

Item, receaved of John Dalton, ffor thassigment of a pewe one the southe syde of the churche, ffrom Richard Farr . . . . . vj d.

VILLA DE LUDLOW. The accomptes of Symon Huddy and John Rawlinges, churchwardens, in the tyme of William Poughnill, gent. and Morres Philipes, bayliffes, anno Domini 1570.

Inprimis to the deacon, his wages for three quarters of the year, after xxvj s. viij d. the quarter . . iiij li.

Item, paid to Season, for his yeres wages, ended at Michaelmas, for repayringe of the church windows . xxx s.

Item, to Richard Hall, for his yeres wages . . . v s. iiij d.

Item, for lightes to the church, as well torches, white candles, and waxe . . . . . v s. j d. ob.

Item, for a newe booke appointed to be bought by the busshoppe, made ageinst rebellion[1] . . . xij d.

Item, paid for sundrie worckes and reparacons done by the seid churchwardens, as appereth by theier booke of accompt at this tyme delivered . . vij li. v s. ij d.

Some paid xiij li. vj s. vij d. ob.

## Recept' eodem anno.

The pascall and tokens money . . . . xxxviij s. iiij d.

Item, for the quarter money of the churche . vj li. xiij s. iiij d.

[1] Of course this entry relates to the rebellion in the North in 1569-70.

Item, unto Walter Langford, one pewe next unto the churche weddinge doere, belonginge heretofore unto his aunte dame Ales Rogers, received for the same to the use of the church . . . . . iiij s.

Item, one pewe graunted to m^r^ Edmunde Walter by the bailiffes, belonginge heretofore to Robert Mullynour, lately decessed, beinge on the middle rowe of pewes on the southe syde by the pyller downeward, next unto the clocke . . . . . v s.

Item, the seid m^r^ Walter did exchaunge the seid pewe with Anne Mullynour for another pewe, lyenge foure pewes upward on that rowe, by assent of the bailiffes.

Item, the seid m^r^ Walter did exchaunge the seid pewe had of Anne Mullynour with William Partrich and William Bowdlour, by thassentes of the seid bayliffes.

Item, to Robert Lewes, the further halfe of one pewe lyeng in the midle rowe of pewes on the south side the church, belonginge heretofore unto his wief, lately decessed, paid for the same . . . iij s.

Item, graunted unto William Glover, one pewe, beinge in the middle rowe where the pulpit standeth, being the lowest pewe of the rowe, by thassent of Anne Mulliner, widowe . . . . . xij d.

Item, received for William Byrington burieng place or grave, the first daie of Marche . . . . vj s. viij d.

Item, received for the burienge place of John Alsoppe, the xxiiij^th^ daie of June . . . . . vj s. viij d.

Item, received of Robert Warton, for his burienge place in the churche, the xiiijth daie of July . . vj s. viij d.

Item, received of Robert Mullynour, for his burienge place in the church, the xvij^th^ daie of Auguste . vj s. viij d.

Item, received of Johane Lewys, the xv^th^ day of Septembre, for her burieng place in the church . vj s. viij d.

Item, received of sir John Symkes, clerke, by the handes of Richard Cupper, geven to the churche . . iij s. iiij d.
Item, received of John Passie, by an order taken heretofore by m^r^ justice Throckmorton, to be paid yerely . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, m^r^ Edward Foxe, gent. gave unto the church one longe lader as apperteygning.
Item, Richard Stanwey of Stanley, lately decessed, by his will gave to the church one dyaper tableclothe.
Item, received for an old rope, beinge worne and broken in sundry places . . . . . xij d.
Item, received of Walter Taylour . . . . viij s.
Summa recept' . . xj li. xvj s.
And so remayninge to the churchewardens to be paid to theim . . . . . xxx s. vij d. ob.

The accompt of Kydd ap Edward and Richard Cupper, churchewardens of the towne of Ludlowe, elect in the feast of Symon and Jude, in anno regni regine Elizabethe, etc. xij°., anno Domini 1570, for one holle yere then next ensuing, and then bailieffes William Poughnell and Moris Philipes elect, and at the hearing of this accompt bailieffes elect Robert Mason and Richard Hoock, 1571.

In primis, to the decon for his waigees . . . iiij li.
Item, paied to the decon for the keping of the chymes vj s. viij d.
Item, paied to Thomas Season, for his yeres waigees xx s.
Item, paied to Richard Halke, for his yeres waigees in making cleane the churche . . . . vj s. iiij d.
Item, paied to Crockett for his yeres waigees . . iiij s.

Item, paied to the last churchwardens, by the appointement of m^r bailieffes, for arreragees . . . xxx s.
Item, for lightes to the church, as well torches as waxe candles and tallowe . . . . . iij s. v d. ob.
Item, a sirplesse for Cressett . . . . . iiij s. vij d.
Item, paied for sundry worckes and reparacions don by the churchewardens, as appereth by theire booke at this tyme delyvered . . . . . xiij li. vj s.
Summa totalis paied, xx li. xvj s. iiij d.

## Recept' eodem anno.

The paschalle and token money . . . . . xliij s.
The quartrege money . . . . . vij li. xiiij d.
Item, received for Robert Lewis buriall . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, received for m^r Pope his buriall . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, received for Thomas Fraunck . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, received for Richard Swansons wief . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, received for m^r Badger his wief . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, received for Richard Rogers buriall . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, received for m^rs Mydletons buriall . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, received for Robert Stringers buriall . . . v s. viij d.
Item, received for Stringes wiefes buriall . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, received for John Clees wiefes buriall . . vj s. viij d.
Item, received for m^rs Dedicotes buriall . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, received for William Lanes buriall . . . vj s. viij d.
Summa . . xiij li. iiij s. ij d.

## The receiptes for pewes letten this yere as followeth.

Whereas Robert Stringer, deceased, had one haulf pewe for a kneling place for his wief, also deceased, in the pewe with Hughe ap Jevun, on the north side of the church ; The wardens of the church for this yere, by thassent of the bailieffes of the towne,

have graunted the saide haulf pewe to James Fenell, goldsmith, to have and enjoye the same in as ample manner as the said Stringer had the same; provided never the lesse, if the said James do departe owt of this towne to dwell in another place, and be absent one holle yere together, his interest in the said pewe to determyne. And it shalbe lawfull to the bailieffes and churchwardens then being to graunt the same over to another person, for the benifite of the parish. And it [is] agreed and graunted that the said James shall paye to the use of the reparacons of the church, to thandes of the said wardens, the somme of vj s. for the said haulf pewe. Provided also that he shall not by any meanes advaunce the said pewe to any higher altitude, or streitch it owt in leingth or breadthe, then it nowe is, upon payne of forfeiture [of] his interest. The residowe of all the pewes hereafter to be graunted with like fforme . . . . . vj s.

Item, received of Charles Bouth and Roger Brodshowe, gent., for a pewe late Robert Stringers, deceased, at our Lady chauncell dore, on the south side the church, the some of . . . . . xiij s. iiij d.

And in like forme above written.

Item, received of Elizabeth Rogers, widowe, for one haulf pewe in the south midle rowe in the church, late Robert Lewes, deceased, the some of . . v s.

And in like forme.

Item, received of John Butt, for haulf a pewe with Humffrey Hynton, late surrendred by John Sotherne to the parish use, on the north ile of the church . . . . . ij s.

And in like covenauntes.

And whereas Thomas Blashfield hathe haulf a pewe where m^rs^ Alsopp kneleth, in the north mydle ile, he hath surrendred the same and his interest therin, and thereupon the same ys graunted to William Browne, for the some of v s., with v s. in consideracon of the late service don by the said Browne in the tyme of his being churchwarden, and in consideracon also of the yelding up of another pece of grownde, appointed him to make a pewe upon, ys qualified unto xij d., and he to enjoye the same upon the like covenantes . . . . . xij d.

Item, received of m^r^ Ellice ap Ellice, gent. for one pewe, late of Elinour Dedicote, widowe, deceased, on the northe ile of the church, nere unto St. Johns chauncell dore, the some of . . . . . x s.

And under thother covenauntes.

Item, received of William Chelmick the yonger, for one haulf pewe on the south ile, late John Gruffithes thelder, deceased, with John Merston . . iiij s.

And under like covenauntes.

Item, received of John Bent and John Davies, cordiner, for one pewe surrendred unto the parish by Walter Bouldes wief, in the lower end of the north ile . ij s.

And under like covenauntes before.

Item, received of William Harries, for one pewe, surrendred by Richard Baugham to the parish use, beneath the north dore . . . . . iiij s.

By like covenauntes.

Item, Kydd ap Edward and Richard Cupper, church wardens, one haulf pewe with John Shepert, on the south ile, late William Eatons, deceased, for the somme of . . . . . xij d.

In consideracon of theire service this yere.

Item, received of Lawrence Beck, for haulf a pewe in the north ile, late Lewes Philipes, deceased, and receaved for the same . . . . . ij s.

Received for the pewes. Summa l s. iiij d.

Summa totalis oneris paied xx li. xvj s. iiij d.

Summa totius rec' xiij li. iiij s. ij d.

And so the church oweth to the churchewardens upon this accompte . . . . . v li. xxij d.

Receaved for the pewes . . . . l s. iiij d.

The accompt of Thomas Canlande and Richard Brasier, churchewardens of the towne of Ludlowe, elect in the feaste of Simon and Jude, in anno regni regine Elizabethe, etc. xv°., anno Domini 1571, for one holle yere then next ensuinge, and then bayelieffes Robert Mason and Richard Hooke elect, and at the hearinge of this accompt Lawrence Bake and John Brasier, 1572.

Inprimis, payd to Edward Darbye, for fower horsses and him selfe to go to Bewedley for lyme, to make an end of whittinge the churche . . . . vij s.

Payd the same lyme at Bewedlye, beinge x^th^ boshelles . v s.

Payd for wyer to mend one of the chimes . . . ij d.

Payd to Richardes for that was unpayd to him for whittinge of the churche . . . . . x s.

Payd for xvj li. of rede lede for the redinge of the churche . . . . . .

Payd Richardes for the redinge of the churche . xl s.

Payd for j li. of candelles . . . . . iiij d. ob.

Payd for yevie and hollye agaynste Christmas . vj d.

Payd for iij li. of candelles agaynste Christmas . x d. ob.

Payd to Thomas Higges, his quarters wages, dew at Christmas laste . . . . . xxvj s. viij d.

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| Payd for a lynke to servise at the communion on Christmas daie . . . . . | viij d. |
| Payd to a straunger, for mendinge the clocke at m^r baylyeffes apoyntment . . . . . | ij s. viij d. |
| Payd for browne colors for to color the porche . . | vj d. |
| Payd for naylles to mende two of the belle whilles on Twellfe evin . . . . . | iij d. |
| Payd for mendinge the longe sceate before the pulpitte | ij d. |
| Payd for ij li. of candelles for Higges . . . | vij d. |
| Payd for makinge a keye and for mendinge the loke of the chest in the vestree . . . . . | iij d. |
| Payd for makinge clene saynt Johns chansell . | iiij d. |
| Payd Thomas Season his quarters wagis, dwe at Christmas . . . . . | v s. |
| Payd for naylles to mende the lokers of the belles . | j d. |
| Payd ij li. of candelles the iij. daie of Januarie . . | vij d. |
| Paid John Roo, for mendinge the bere, and makinge newe lokers, and wod to make them, and mendinge one bell wheell . . . . . | iij s. ij d. |
| Paid for j li. of syes candle . . . . . | xv d. |
| Payd for makin clene saynt Margettes chancell . | iiij d. |
| Paid for mendinge the glase lantorne . . . | ij d. |
| Paid for ij li. of candelles . . . . . | vj d. |
| Paid to Richard Swanson for a roope to peace on of the belle roopes . . . . . | ij s. ij d. |
| Paid for cordes to drawe the organes at severall tymes | iij d. |
| Paid Thomas Season for his quarters wayges, dwe at Easter . . . . . | v s. |
| Paid Thomas Higges his quarters wages, dwe at the same time . . . . . | xxvj s. viij d. |
| Paid for a corde for the morninge prayer bell . . | x d. |
| Paid m^r Farres man Coxshall for raittes heades, at the apoyntment of m^r baylyeff Mason . . . | xij d. |

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| Paid master chanclers man for regestringe the xij. mens names of the visitacion at Easter, and readinge over the articles . . . . . | xij d. |
| Paid master Pinners charges and Thomas Canlandes, in ridinge to Tenburye to deliver our presentment | xij d. |
| Paid for hache[1] nayles to mend one of the bell whelles in Aprill . . . . . | ij d. |
| Paid for makinge a newe stoke to the second tenor . | vij s. |
| Paid for newe brasinge the fore bell . . . . | viij d. |
| Paid to Gethinge, for iij$^{th}$ daies worke to mend the whelles of the belles, and mendinge the stoke of the second tenor, and brasinge her . . . . . | ij s. iij d. |
| Paid for mendinge the second bell whell and brasinge her . . . . . | xx d. |
| Paid for a xj$^{th}$ loodes of xij$^{th}$. fote longe to laye in the steple sollars . . . . . | vij s. iiij d. |
| Paid for nayles to the bell whelles . . . . . | j d. |
| Paid for a boshell of and halfe of slaked lyme to mend the walles and chinckes of the sough ile . . | iiij d. |
| Payd for mos to put betwene the ledes of the churche | iiij d. |
| Paid for a boshell of charkcolles for the mendinge of the leades . . . . . | iiij d. |
| Paid for a peace of tember to pute under the leade of the south ile . . . . . | x d. |
| Paid for a keye for the skolars chancell doore . . | iij d. |
| Paid for ij c. and xxj li. of leade to the churche at a j d. the li. . . . . | xx s. v d. |
| Paid Season his quarters wages, dwe at Mydsomer laste | v s. |
| Paid for vj. hoppes[2] of charkcoll for the plimar mor[3] . | vj d. |
| Paid for ij$^{th}$ horse loode of lyme to point the wales upon the leades . . . . . | x d. |

[1] This word has not occurred before.

[2] A hoop, a measure said to contain about four pecks.

[3] For the plumber more, *i.e.* in addition to what he had been previously supplied with.

Paid for nayles to the lead on the roffe of the churche . . . ij d.
Paid Thomas Higges his quarters wages, dwe at Midsomer . . . . . xxvj s. viij d.
Paid for colles more . . . . . iij d.
Paid Corbet his yeres wages . . . . . iiij s.
Paid for rossen for the plemer[1] . . . . . ij d.
Paid j li. of candles, the xj^th of October . . . . iij d. ob.
Paid for lyme more . . . . . iij d.
Paid for a dandrick[2] for the second tenor . . . . ij s.
Paid for mendinge another baudricke . . . . iiij d.
Paid for j. li. candelles more . . . . . iij d. ob.
Paid Thomas Higges his quarters waiges, dwe at Myghallmas . . . . . xxv s. viij d.
Paid Thomas Season his quarters waiges, dwe the same tyme . . . . . v s.
Paid for ringe and a staple and settinge him in at the arche of the pulpitte . . . . . iiij d.
Paid for xiiij. li. of sother, occupied on the leades a vj li. . vij s.
Paid William Burges, for xiij. daies worke on the leades, a x d. the daie . . . . . x s. x d.
Payd for makinge clene the leades and gutters at divers tymes . . . . . xij d.
Paid for makinge clene master baylyef seate, iiij d., and for two burden of roshes to strawe it agayne . . viij d.
Paid Burges for makinge bigger the same pewe doore, and for his tymber and nayles . . . . . ij s. viij d.
Paid Higges for kepinge the chymes . . . . vj s. viij d.
Paid for iij li. of candelles . . . . . x d. ob.
Paid for j. li. of syes candles . . . . . x d.
Paid for a bare to the churche grates and puttinge yt in . vj d.
Paid to Richard Halle his holl yeres waiges . . . v s. iijd.

[1] The plumber.

[2] This is distinctly written in the original, but perhaps it is an error for *baudrick*, especially as "another" baudricke is spoken of in the next line.

Paid to the ringares, the xvij$^{th}$ of this November, that range for the quene,[1] at the appoyntment of m$^{r}$ baylieffes, in money and drincke . . . . x s.

Paid to Steven Knight, for makinge xxxiiij$^{th}$ great nayles for the brasinge of iij$^{th}$ belles, and a classpe to on whelle . . . . . xij d.

Paid him for ij$^{th}$ staples . . . . . iiij d.

Paid for a bocle to the baudricke of the second tenor ij d.

Paid for makinge newe the gogines[2] of the second tenor when the stoke was newe mad, and for makinge faste the hoppes[3] . . . . . viij d.

Paid for cuttinge of the claper of the second tenor . iiij d.

Somma . . xv li. xviij s. vij d.

Receaved as herafter followeth and appereth . .xiij li. v s. vj d.

Receaved of m$^{r}$ Richard Hucke for the surrender of a pewe from mastres Hanley, as appereth in our receyttes on the other syde . . . . . xij d.

Receaved more, as appereth in our receattes . . xvj s. iiij d.

So rested dwe to us juste xxxv s. ix d.

More paid to sir Richard, for kepinge the boke of buringe and christeninge . . . . . ij s.

So rested dwe to us xxxvij s. ix d.

## Receates receaved by us the said churchewardence in this forsaid yere of our beinge in office as followethe.

Inprimis receaved of the parishenars for the token money at Easter . . . . . xlij s.

Receaved of Richardes for lime that was spare of whitinge the churche . . . . . v s.

Receaved for broken peaces of leade that wee had spare, beinge delivered d. c. at a j d. the pounde . . iiij s. viij d.

[1] This was the day of Queen Elizabeth's accession to the throne.

[2] The gudgeons, or pins on which the wheels of the bells worked.

[3] Hoops.

Receave for pewes that wee have graunted this yere as followeth, unto the parties whose names are under written.

Of William Allsope, for hallfe a pewe with William Browne, late beinge his mothers, in the north yle afore the pulpite . . . . . x s.

Of master Rascoll, for hallfe a pewe, late master Drapers, lyinge in the lower end of the churche, on the north side . . . . . iij s. iiij d.

Of master Fare and master John Taylor, for the makinge perfect of their recorde for on pewe afore the pulpite, surrendred to them by William Challmicke thelder deceasyd, in the tyme of William Browne and Thomas Shrawley, churche wardens . . iiij s.

And allso for on pewe in the lower end of the churche, that master Farr assigned to the said William Chelmicke, in the yere above saide, it is nowe agreed that the same pewe do nowe comme into the handes of master Fare agayne.

Of Thomas Canland, for hallfe a pewe in the mydle northe yle, with master Richard Hucke, late m^r John Coxe, deceased . . . . . ij s.

Of Richard Brasier, for hallfe a pewe on the north syde the churche, with John Clee, surrendered into the parishes handes by master bayliefe Brasier, late his wyffes . . . . . xij d.

Of William Reynolles, walker, for hallfe a pewe with Edward Doughtie, on the south syd the churche above the dore, whiche he helde by his late wyffe iij s. iiij d.

Receave for buryalles in the churche as followeth, this yere as followethe.

Receave for the buringe of the ollde Langham . . vj s. viij d.

Receave for the buriall of John Bubbe . . . vj s. viij d.

Receave for the buriall of one Charlles Powell, a straunger . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Receave for the buriell of mystres Allsope . . . vj s. viij d.
Receave for the buriell of mr Ellice Evans, gent. . vj s. viij d.
Receave for the buriall of mr Richard Blashfildes wyfe vj s. viij d.
Receave for the buriall of John Thomkyes . . vj s. viij d.
Receave of Hughe ap Jevun for the buriall of his wyfe . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Receave for the buriall of mr John Coxe . . . vj s. viij d.
Receave of the parishnares the money for the hole yere, as dothe appere by our booke . . . vj li. x s. ij d.

Somme of receyttes is xiij li. v s. vj d.

Receave more of master Richard Hucke, for one littell pewe, beinge one the southe syde of the churche, beneath the doore, surrendered into the perishe handes by mastres Hanley . . . . . xij d.
Receave more of the parishnars for their quarteradge money . . . . . xvj s. iiij d.

Somma totallis to our receyttes xiiij li. ij s. x d.

VILLA DE LUDLOWE. The accomptes of Roger Clerke and Hughe ap Jevan, churchewardens of the saied towne, from the feaste of Simon and Jude, anno Domini 1572, untill thende of one yeare then next ensuynge, in the tyme of Laurence Beck and John Brasier then bailiffes of the saiede towne, 1573.

Inprimis, paiede for diverse expences and for a pauper booke,[1] as appereth by bille . . . . . ij s. iiij d.

[1] A paper book, probably.

Item, for mendinge the belles, belle ropes, and thorgans, as appereth by bille . . . . . xvj s. x d.
Item, for workmanshipp donn upon the churche at sundrie tymes, as appereth by bille. . . . xxj s. ij d.
Item, for candles, as welle waxe as tallowe, to thuse of the churche, as apperethe by bille . . . vj s. iij d.
Item, for ringinge at sundrie tyms, as appereth by bille ix s. iiij d.
Item, for makinge a newe sherples, a new ladder, and for leade to the churche, as apperethe by bille . iiij s. j d.
Item, paiede to the deacon for his wages and settinge the chymes, to Thomas Season, Richarde Halle, and Crockett, for there wages, and to the curatt for keapinge the booke of christenynge. . vij li. iiij s. viij d.
Suma totius alloc. est x li. iij s. viij d.

## The Receiptes for pewes as followeth.

Inprimis, receavede at Easter of token money . . xlv s. x d.
Item, for the burialle of mistres Passie . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, for the burialle of ser William Badger . . vj s. viij d.
Item, for the burialle of William Harries . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, of James Fennelle for a peace of grounde in the Ladies chauncelle to make a pewe . . . . xx d.
Item, of Robert Bubbe and William Mason for the iiij$^{th}$ pewe in the same chauncelle, beinge to them by us sett . . . . . vj s. viij d.
Item, of Richarde Blashfielde for half a pewe with m$^{r}$ Season lyinge in the southe ile of the churche . xij d.
Item, of Andrewe Sonnybanke and William Boliler, walker,[1] for a pewe in the southe ile of the churche surrendred by m$^{r}$ Partriche . . . . . iiij s.
Item, of m$^{r}$ Beck for half a pewe in the upper end of the south ile of the churche with m$^{res}$ Ellis, which late was m$^{r}$ Barnabies . . . . . v s.

[1] A walker was what we now call a fuller.

Item, of Thomas Candlande and Edwarde Crowther for a pewe lyinge in the northe ile of the churche anontes[1] St. Margarettes chauncelle, surrendrede by master Becke . . . . . xij d.
Item, of Walter Tailor for the Breake Closse . . viij s.
Item, for quartridge money . . . . . vij li. iiij s. ix d.
Suma totius oneris . . xj li. xvij s. xj d.
So the churchwardens owe on theire allowance xxxiiij s. iij d.
Which they have paiede and are therof discharged.

VILLA DE LUDLOW. The accompte of Richarde Grove and John Dalton, churchwardens of the saide towne, from the feaste of Simon and Jude, anno Domini 1573, untill the ende of one holle yere then next ensuynge, in the tyme of John Belle and William Powes, then bailiffes of the saiede towne, 1574.

Money receavede by the saide churchwardens as followeth.

Inprimis at Easter for paschall and token money . lvj s.
Item, for quartrige money . . . . . vij li. ij s. iij d.
Item, of master Saye for his grave in the churche vj s. viij d.
Item, for the grave of Thomas Wheller, gent. . . vj s. viij d.
Item, recevede of Richarde Hopton for halff a pew late Richarde Stanweis, deceassed, on the south side of the churche, with William Bradshaw thelder . vj s.
Item, Symon Thornton, scholemaster, for a pew nere master bailiffes pew, surrendrede by Richarde Dier . . . . . xij d.

[1] Opposite.

Item, of John Rawlinges, husbande, for half a pewe under the deske by the pulpitt, surrendrede by Simon Thornton . . . . . ij s. vj d.

Item, of Thomas Bedow, milner, for a pewe late Anne Addames, his mother in lawe decessede, anonte the fonte on the further side . . . . . v s.

Item, of Robert Bubbe for half a pew, surrendrede by his mother, in the southe side of the churche . xx d.

Item, of John Bell thelder, now bailiffe, for a pece of grownde nere the Ladies chauncelle dore, for to make a pew uppon . . . . . ij s.

Item, of Richarde Grove, for another peace of grounde, next beneath hym . . . . . ij s.

Item, of Walter Dedicott, for another peace of grounde, next beneathe the same pewe . . . . . ij s.

Item, of Richarde Philipes, capper, for the fourthe pewe in the Ladie chauncelle . . . . . iij s. iiij d.

Item, of John Belle thelder and Richard Grove, for theire pewe dores and the hinges of the same . iij s.

Item, due of master Passie for Portmans medowe, accordinge to an order therin taken by master justice [and by hym unpaied, vj s. viij d.] [1]

Summa totalis rec. est xij li. j d.

## Disbursede by the saiede churchwardens as followeth.

Inprimis, for drinck at the laste accompt daie . . ij s. iiij d.

Item, paied Thomas Higges for ringinge daie bell at Easter. . . . . ij s.

Item, paied him for ringinge the xvij[th] daie of November, beinge the firste daie of the quenes majesties raigne . . . . . vj s.

Item, paied for makinge cleane the steple . . . viij d.

Item, more for makinge clene the steple of snowe . iiij d.

[1] The words within brackets are crossed out in the original.

Item, paied to Thomas Season for his yeares wages for mendinge the glasse wyndowes . . . . . xx s.
Item, paied him for mendinge the glasse in sainct Johns chauncell, beinge broken by a lunatick . . vij s.
Item, paied him for mendinge the leades over the churche xij d.
Item, paied to Richard Halle for his yeres wages for keapinge clene the churche . . . . . v s. iiij d.
Item, paiede to John Crockett for his yeres wages to kepe the dogges oute of the churche . . . iiij s.
Item, paide to Richard Halle for hollies to dresse the churche . . . . . vj d.
Item, paiede for a bell roppe . . . . . v s. vj d.
Item, for nayles and leather . . . . . iij d.
Item, to Burges for shootinge the belle roppes . . x d.
Item, for nayles to fasten the belle wheale . . . iij d.
Item, to Burges for brasinge upon a belle . . . xij d.
Item, for twoe lynckes at Christmas . . . . xvj d.
Item, geaven to ryngers in Christmas to drinck . vj d.
Item, for a ladder . . . . . iij s. viij d.
Item, to John for makinge a key and settinge on hinges vj d.
Item, for a lock to hange uppon the cheste . . . vij d.
Item, for a purse . . . . . j d.
Item, for nayles and leather for the lockettes . . iiij d.
Item, for a paper booke . . . . . iiij d.
Item, for ringinge daie belle when the judges where here at the request of master bailiffes . . . xij d.
Item, for lyme and sande to pave the Ladie chauncelle xij d.
Item, for Earles wages . . . . . ij s.
Item, to Stephen Knighte for iij$^{e}$ hokes to hange the ladder . . . . . xviij d.
Item, for nailes and leather to the beare[1] . . . iiij d.
Item, to Higges, for ringinge daie belle at master bailiffes appointment . . . . . xij d.

[1] The bier.

Item, to William Wale, for a baldricke for one of the clapers of the belles . . . . . x d.

Item, to Stephen Knighte, for makinge a buckle and a plate for the beare, and for mendinge the hinges of the church dore . . . . . xd.

Item, to Richarde Swanson, for iron to mende the chymes . . . . . ix d.

Item, for shotinge of ij^e ropes and coles and daies wages xx d.

Item, for nayles . . . . . v d.

Item, more to Burges for mendinge the belle whele
Item, for his laber and nayles . . . . } viij d.

Item, to master Farr, the 20. of June, for lynnen clothe to make ij^o. surpleses for Higges sonnes,[1] and for makinge the same . . . . . v s.

Item, paiede at my goinge to Hereford . . . ij s. viij d.

Item, for swepinge the windowes and pavinge in the chauncelle and in the churche . . . . . xiiij d.

Item, paiede at Michaelmas for one li. of waxe . . x d.

Item, to Higges for swepinge of the churche.

Item, for shotinge of ij^e. ropes . . . . . iiij d.

Item, for a peace of tymber to make a sylle and one grate of tymber at the challence next the colledge . . . . . x d.

Item, for a new post and a key to the southe challence[2] x d.

Item, for nailes . . . . . iij d.

Item, to Roe and his man . . . . . xvj d.

Item, for twoe boordes to bere the water from Franckes house . . . . . xij d.

Item, to Dyke the tiler for one daies worck, the 9. of October, for mendinge the challence . . . ix d.

[1] The surplices so often mentioned in these accounts were for the choristers, and some probably for the scholars of the Grammar School.

[2] This was no doubt the liche-gate by which the churchyard was entered from Broad Street, on the site of what is still called the Callends.

Item, for a runge[1] of lyme . . . . . v d.
Item, for tilestones . . . . . iiij d.
Item, for a rope for the organs . . . . . ij d.
Item, to John Roe for mendinge the churche doore . viij d.
Item, for nayles at the same tyme . . . . iiij d.
Item, for a plancke to mende the same . . . vj d.
Item, paiede to James the somner for the parishe . iiij d.
Item, to Thomas Higges, for a pounde and a quarter of scisses and a pounde of kandles . . . . xx d.
Item, for mendinge the Psalter and the register booke xij d.
Item, for makinge cleane the steple and the leades . vij d.
Item, paiede to the commissionar for takinge the presentement of the register booke . . . . xij d.
Item, paiede for wyne and sugar at the newe house to m^r bailiffes and the comissionar . . . . iij s.
Item, paiede to Gruffith the smythe, for makinge a key for the boxe . . . . . iiij d.
Item, paiede to William Burges for mendinge iij^e belles . . . . . xij d.
Item, paiede to the archedeacons man for writinge oure veredict . . . . . vj d.
Item, to Thomas Acrew for a new baldrick to the third belle . . . . . xij d.
Item, to Edwarde Humfreis for lymynge over the vestrye . . . . . iiij d.
Item, paiede to Thomas Higges for mendinge iij^e bellropes . . . . . vj d.
Item, for xx^ti pounde of candles . . . . . v s.
Item, paiede to Higges for his holle yeres wages v li. vj s. viij d.
Item, paiede to him for keapinge the chymes . . vj s. viij d.
Item, paiede to sir Robert Wilcokes for keapinge the churche booke of weddinge, christenynge, and buryinge . . . . . ij s.

[1] A name of a measure which seems to be forgotten.

Item, for other charges . . . . . viij d.
Item, allowed them more for further expences . . ij s.

Summa totalis paiede . . xj li. vj s.

So the churchewardens owe over theire allowances . . x s. j d.

Whiche they have paiede, and are therof dischargede.

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# APPENDIX.

## I. Extracts from the Churchwardens' Accounts from 1575 to 1600.

1574 *to* 1575, *Robert Wright and . . . . . churchwardens.*

Item, at Didleburie for the dynner of thenquest at the visitacon . . . . . ix s.

Item, for oure horse meate there . . . . . iiij d.

Item, to the register for the coppie of the booke of articles xij d.

Item, more to him for entringe oure names . . . xij d.

Item, paiede at Cleberie for oure dinner when we deliverede up oure presentment to the bushoppe . . ij s. viij d.

Item, for oure horse meate there . . . . . xi d.

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Item, for searchinge the foundacon of the churche, to Jorden, for ij$^{e}$ daies, and to Higges, Humfreis, and Careles, the same tyme for the like . . . iij s. iiij d.

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Item, for washinge the table clothes of the churche at sundrye tymes . . . . . vj d.

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M$^{r}$ Passie oweth this yere for Portman medowe, according to the order taken by m$^{r}$ justice, vj s. viij d.

Also Walter Taylor oughte this yere to paie for the Breke closse . . viij d.

1576 *to* 1577, *Richard Hopton and William Walle, churchwardens.*

Inprimis, paied for a drinckinge, the 4. of December, 1576, at the goinge oute of the olde churchwardens, by m$^{r}$ bailiffes appointement . . . . . ij s.

Item, paied Humfreis for pullinge downe an aultar stone in the churche, and for trymynge the place where it stodd . . . . . xvj d.

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Item, for mendinge the poore mans boxe . . . viij d.
Item, for excusinge oure apperaunce at Stretton before the comissaries . . . . . ij s.

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Item, the 9. of January, spent at Tenbury for our dynner xij d.
Item, for horsemeate the same tyme . . . . ix d.

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Item, to Humfreis for dabinge the churche house . vj d.
Item, for a lock for the same house . . . . vj d.

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Item, spent at Leyntwardyn when I went to the comyssary . . . . . ix d.
Item, for courte fees that tyme . . . . . vj d.
Item, a loade of cley for the churche house . . iiij d.
Item, paied Giles Bruton, for a rattes heade and a wontes[1] j d.
Item, for our apperaunce at Stretton, and courte fees xij d.
Item, for ij$^{c}$ mattes for the churche . . . . xvj d.
Item, for a sill for the churche house . . . ij s.
Item, for caryinge it from the sawpitt to churche . iiij d.
Item, for worckmanship there . . . . . iij s. xj d.

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Item, for lyme to pargitt the churche house . . vj d.
Item, to Humfreis for worckmanship there . . vj d.
Item, for keapinge the chauncell doore on Easter daie ij d.
Item, at the visitacon to the archdeacons man for fees iiij d.
Item, to Crew for a baldrop and for nailes . . . ij s. ij d.
Item, to m$^{r}$ Farr for a booke of Erasmus . . . viij s.

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[1] A mole is still called a *wont*, in Shropshire. On the destruction of vermin by Act of Parliament, to which this wont was a victim, see before, the note on p. 139 of the present volume.

Item, for makinge the presentment at the visitacon . vj d.
Item, that daie for wyne and sugar to m^r deane . ix d.
Item, to Gyles Bruton for xx^tie wontes heades . . x d.
Item, for half a strick of coales . . . . . ij d.

1577 *to* 1578. *Thomas Hunte and Gruffithe Nalle, churchwardens.*

Item, paied, the 18 of Marche, for the xij^e mens dynner at Mounslowe, at the visitacon, and the makinge a booke . . . . . vij s. j d.

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Item, paied for a pottell of sacke and a pottell of clarett geaven to m^r Verion by m^r bailieffes appointment ij s. vj d.

1578 *to* 1579. *Edward Crowther and William Beck, churchwardens.*

Item, payd Burges for takinge downe the ij^e pynacles of the steple and bringinge of them downe into the churche and churchouse . . . . . xij s. vj d.

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Item, to John Cooke, iiij^or quiers of pott paper . . xvj d.

1597 to 1580. *Roger Gruffithes and John Perckes, churchwardens.*

Item, for proces from the counsaille by the comaundement of m^r bailiffes againste m^r Passye touchinge the dueties of the churche . . . . . xxij d.
Item, for v^e bookes of prycksonge . . . . ij s.
Item, to Burges for two juystes[1] for the scallyons . vj d.

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Item, payd at the sittinge of the deane of Dydlebury . iiij d.
Item, payd for the receavinge of the verdicte befor the chauncellor . . . . . viij d.
Item, payd for a horse to goe to Whitborne . . ij s.
Item, payd to the paritory[2] . . . . . vj d.

1580 *to* 1581, *Philip Bradford and John Becke, churchwardens.*

Item, payd for a booke of injuncecons for the churche iiij d.
Item, payd for puttinge the presentment at the buyshops visitacon . . . . . xij d.

[1] Joists. [2] The apparitor.

Item, spent upon the quest of the visitacon . . xij d.
Item, payd for one statute booke at the apoynctment of mr bayliffes . . . . . ij s.

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Item, payd the sumner for his fee for servinge the sitacon to Whitbourne . . . . . vj d.
Item, puttinge in our presentment at Whitborne . iiij d.
Item, our chardges to Whitborne . . . . ij s. iiij d.

1581 *to* 1582. *Thomas Bower and Thomas Becke, churchwardens.*

Item, spende in rydinge to Whittborne the 2. of Marche, and regestringe our names . . . . . ij s. vj d.
Item, payde to William Burges for a stay for thende of the scallons . . . . . iiij d.

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Item, payd to Season for takinge downe the glasse and settinge it up agayne in the weavers chauncell . ij s. x d.

1582 *to* 1583. *John Crowther and Henry Aumbler, churchwardens.*

Item, payde Cornelyus for turninge and putting up of xiiijc pillors before the organs . . . . vij s.
Item, payde Parton for tymber to make iiijor of them, and for sawinge of one peece of tymber . . . xvj d.
Item, payd for nayles to fasten the pillors . . . ij d.
Item, payd to Allen for payntinge the said pillors and the defaced places in the chauncell . . . . iij s. iiij d.

1583 *to* 1584. *William Bedoe and Robert Saunders, churchwardens.*

Item, for a quiere of paper and glewe for mr Harrison . vj d.
Item, payd to Thomas James for the conveyinge of the certificat for the recusantes . . . . vj d.
Item, payd for iiijor Psalmes bookes . . . . iij s. iiij d.
Item, for wyne and bread the vjth of Auguste . . v d. ob.
Item, for a pottle of wyne sente to the chauncelour . x d.
Item, payd for the questes dynner at my lo. visitacon vij s. viij d.

Item, payd to Roger Kente for the delyverie of the presentmentes . . . . . vij d.
Item, for a coram nomina . . . . . iiij s.
Item, for a pynte of goose liker, to liker the belles . iij d.

1584 *to* 1585. *Thomas ap Robert and Thomas Evans, churchwardens.*

Item, paied to a mason for hanginge up the new buckettes on the walle in the churche . . . ij s. vj d.
Item, for ij$^{e}$ boordes to sett over the callenge for my lorde x d.

1585 *to* 1586. *John Bradforde and Charles Wigley, churchwardens.*

Item, the x$^{th}$ of December, rydinge to Witstanstow, my fellow and I, and m$^{r}$ Thomas Evans, for our dynners and horsemeate . . . . . ij s.
Item, for ministringe the articles and puttinge in of the same . . . . . ij s.

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Item, a deske boorde at my lordes seate . . . viij d.

1586 *to* 1587. *William Bowldler and Thomas Yearothe, churchwardens.*

Item, payd to Woodward for mendinge the scalen over agaynst the colledge with a rope . . . . vj d.
Item, paied to Burges for mendinge the churche scallens . . iiij d.

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Item, paied by my fellowe for a quarte of sacke to the church deacon . . . . . xij d.
Item, a quier of paper . . . . . iiij d.
Item, paied to Richard Higges for stoppinge choughes out of the churche . . . . . iiij d.
Item, paied to Thomas Clerke, for his workmanshipp and fyndinge stuffe to doe it aboutes the church scallens and woorke . . . . . iij s. iiij d.

1587 *to* 1588. *Edward Powes and William Gwillim, churchwardens.*

1588 *to* 1589. *Richard Baldwyn and Richard Benson, churchwardens.*

Item, for the table of consanguinitie, and for a frame to it . . . . . vj d.
Item, paied for a coram nomina to the chauncelors officer . . . . . iiij s.

1589 *to* 1590. *Richard Langford and Thomas Awbrey, churchwardens.*

Item, for vj^e yardes of dowlas to make Crompe a syrples, the 23 December . . . . . vij s.
Item, to goodwife Knighte for makinge the same . xiij d.
Item, for mendinge the churche kallendes . . . xv d.
Item, to Thomas Clerke, for ij^o barrs into the skallendes viij d.

1590 *to* 1591. *Saunder Williams and William Cooke, churchwardens.*

1591 *to* 1592. *Rice Thomas and Thomas Powle, churchwardens.*

1592 *to* 1593. *Richard Seare (?) and Richard Nightingall, churchwardens.*

1593 *to* 1594. *William Henghes and Richard Edwardes, churchwardens.*

Item, for ringing a peale for William Norton of London at m^r bailieffes appoyntment . . . . . vj d.
Item, where m^r bailieffes appoynted Thomas Roe to kepe doges out of the churche for one yere from the xxiiij^th of February, 1593, for v s. wages, wee have paid him towardes the same wages . . . iij s.
Item, for a booke of advertisementes, and a booke of articles . . . . . viij d.
Item, to the jury of the visitacon in bred and drink as hath bene accustomed . . . . . xij d.

1594 *to* 1595. *William Powes and Richard Wilson, churchwardens.*

1595 *to* 1596. *Andrew Sonibanck and John Blewe, churchwardens.*

1596 *to* 1597. *Symon Cupper and Roger Bebbe, churchwardens.*

Item, for rydding the churche kalendes . . . vj d.
Item, paid to John Voill for ij^e barres for the scalliens, and for amendinge the olde . . . . ij s. vj d.

1597 *to* 1598. *William Gregory and John Deyos, churchwardens.*

Item, to Thomas Beavan, smith, for makeinge of the frame for the hower-classe[1] . . . . xx d.
Item, to William Glover, for oylinge and coloringe yt ij d.

1599 *to* 1600.[2] *Charles Amyas and James Greene, churchwardens.*

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## II. Remarks on the History of Pews as illustrated by the Ludlow Churchwardens' Accounts, with extracts from the Churchwardens' Accounts of St. Michael, Cornhill, in London.

The history of pews, which is curious and interesting in more points than one, has been hitherto very obscure, or rather it has been made obscure by the circumstance that it has usually been treated by writers who were only slightly acquainted with the documentary materials for it. At the Congress of the British Archæological Association at Ludlow in 1867, I laid the manuscript of the Churchwardens' Accounts of Ludlow, here printed, before the meeting, and I called attention to their extreme importance in throwing light upon this question. These remarks were embodied in a paper

[1] The hour-glass. This is rather an interesting entry, for the use of the hour-glass in churches is not to be traced further back than about this time. The frame of the hour-glass was usually attached to the pulpit, or to the wall close by it, and some good examples are still found remaining in our country churches.

[2] The accounts for the year 1598 to 1599 appear never to have been entered in the book, and a leaf of the manuscript is left blank.

which was soon afterwards published in the Journal of the British Archæological Association. I repeat them here with slight alteration.

The early history of pews is, as just remarked, obscure, and the accounts usually given are repeated by one writer from another, and are extremely confused and inaccurate. In Dr. Hook's valuable work the *Church Dictionary* we are told that "Pews, according to modern use and idea, were not known till long after the Reformation. Inclosed pews were not in general use before the middle of the seventeenth century; they were for a long time confined to the family of the patron." The churchwardens' accounts of the town of Ludlow are quite sufficient to show the inaccuracy of this statement. But I find other isolated proofs of the antiquity of the use of the pew. In the English *Mort d'Arthure* of Sir Thomas Malory, printed by Caxton, Sir Galahad, one of the purest of the heroes, who is destined to be the discoverer of the St. Grael, arrives at the monastery in which King Evelake, the companion of Joseph of Arimathea in his visit to Britain, and who had been condemned to live three hundred years, was residing as a monk. 'And," says the text, "on the morn he heard his masse, and in the monastery he fonde a preeste redy at the aulter. And on the ryght syde he sawe *a pewe* closyd with yron." This, no doubt, was not only a pew, but a closed pew. But we can go considerably further back even than this. The celebrated poem of the *Vision of Piers Ploughman* was no doubt composed about the year 1360, and its different texts, which vary considerably, belong all to a period extending not much beyond the middle of the second half of the fourteenth century. In the text represented by Whitaker's edition (p. 95), Wrath, in his confession, says that he was accustomed "to sit among wives and widows shut up in pews," and adds that this was a fact well known to the parson of the parish—

> "Among wyves and wodewes
> Ich am ywoned sute
> Yparroked *in pwces*,
> The parson him knoweth." [1]

[1] The MS. Cotton. Vespas. B. xvi. which gives the same text as Whitaker, reads *sitte*

The verb *parroken*, derived from the word *parrok*, a park, means in its primary sense, to enpark, or inclose like a park, but it was used more generally in the signification of to inclose, or close up. In another part of the poem, in the text represented by my own edition (p. 312), Paul the Hermit is said to have shut himself up in a hermitage —

> "Paul *primus heremita*
> Had *parroked* hymselve,
> That no man myghte hym se
> For mosse and for leves."

The well-known mediæval dictionary, the *Promptorium Parvulorum*, defines the word, "PARROKKYN, or speryn in streyte place," which is, in another MS. expressed by "closyn in straythly," that is, in a narrow place. Under the other word, we have, in the *Promptorium*—

> "SPERYN, or schettyn. *Claudo.*
> SPERYN, and close withein (closyn in, MS. K). *Includo.*
> SPERYN, and schette wythe lokkys. *Sero, obsero.*"

Nobody will surely deny that these early pews were closed in, and no doubt locked. It is curious, too, to remark, in illustration of the passage of *Piers Ploughman*, how often in the Ludlow churchwardens' accounts the possessors of pews are "wives and widows."

I am inclined to think that the word *pew* itself is not of foreign origin, but that it has been originally a word of popular growth, and it appears not to have been in use as belonging to correct literature until rather a late date. I have in vain sought through all the dictionaries, English and Latin, or English and other languages, till towards the latter part of the sixteenth century; and yet in the fourteenth century, when *Piers Ploughman* was written, and, in 1485, when the *Mort d'Arthure* was printed, it must have been well known. It was evidently an obscure word with our early etymologists, who are represented by Junius and Skinner, and whose explanations are very far from satisfactory. They fancied it to be derived from the Latin *podium*, and this notion appears ever since

and *pues: sute* is, of course, only another form of *sitte*, if it be not a mere error of Whitaker's, who was very incorrect in whatever he did.

to have been accepted as a fact without question or inquiry. But there are two objections to this piece of etymology which appear to me very serious. In the first place, the Latin word *podium* never meant a pew ; in the second place, any one acquainted with mediæval philology knows that the word cannot have come from the Latin into English in this form, except through the Romane dialects, either Norman or French, and there does not appear ever to have existed in them any such word with such a meaning. It is true that worthy old Minshewe derives it in rather an indirect manner, for he says the pew was called *podium*, because it stretches out like a foot, *quod ad pedis modum extentet*, but it is an explanation which appears to me not very clear.

In pure Latin, according to Ainsworth, the word *podium* had two meanings—1, an open gallery, a balcony or building jutting out ; 2 (technical), that part of the theatre near the orchestra. In mediæval Latin, according to Ducange, the word had three meanings, of which the first was a support or prop of any kind, anything on which one leans, as a staff, crutch, or walking-stick; applied also to the part of the form on which the monks leaned in kneeling to prayer. From a debased form of this word, *appodiamentum*, were derived the French words *appui* and *appuyer*. The second meaning given by Ducange is a balcony, taken, of course, from the pure Latin. The third and only other mediæval meaning of the word was a hill, represented by the French *puy*, still represented in names of mountains, as the Puy-de-Dome in Auvergne, with a variety of dialectic forms, as *pou*, *pec*, *pic*, etc. We have thus the Pec de St. Germain en Laye, the Pou de Flamanville in Normandy, and the well-known Pic de Teneriffe. It is here represented by the English *peak*.

Our old etymologists quote derivatives from the Latin word, which they pretend are identical with our English *pew*, but not one of them will bear any examination. As I have said, there is no such word in French. They point to *puye* and *puyde* in Flemish and Dutch: but in the first of these languages the word meant only a support ; and in the Dutch dictionary of Hexam, printed in 1678, I

find it defined, "*Puye*, a pue or place elevated in a market, to proclaim or cry anything," which is no doubt an adaptation of the old meaning of a balcony. Another Dutch dictionary explains it as signifying "the front of a house, a place from which proclamations are read." The old etymologists appeal also to the Italian *poggio*, which is no doubt derived from *podium*, but they were quite unacquainted with its true meaning. Florio explains it, "*Poggio*, a hill, a block to get on horseback;" and he gives as a diminutive, "*Poggiuolo*, a hillock, a horseblock, a leaning place."

It seems to me evident, from the reasons I have adduced, that our English word *pew* is not derived from the Latin *podium*, but that it is an old popular English word, the derivation of which, as in so many similar cases, has been long forgotten.

Since the foregoing notes were written, I am enabled, through the kindness of a City friend, A. J. Waterlow, Esq., to add to it a number of extracts relating to pews from a still existing series of early churchwardens' accounts, belonging to the parish of St. Michael, Cornhill, London. These accounts begin with the year 1456, the 35th of the reign of King Henry VI. and are continued without interruption down to the year 1475, the 14th of Edward IV., so that they are much older than the allusion in the *Mort d'Arthure*. There is then a long *lacuna*, and the accounts are deficient until 1548, which was the first year of the reign of Edward VI. I will only remark further, that, like those of Ludlow, they give us very valuable information on the character of the pews,[1] and it is highly inte-

[1] There can be no doubt that the use of pews in churches was quite common during the fifteenth century. Just as I am correcting this sheet for the press, I open the "Testamenta Vetusta," and find, at p. 266, a will of William Bruges, the first Garter King of Arms, dated at London, Feb. 26, 1449, by which he leaves, among other things to the church of Stanford, money to complete the fabric,—"that is to be understand, in coveryng with lede, glassyng, and makyng of pleyne desques, and of a pleyn rodelofte, and *in puyng of the seyd chirch*, nourt curiously, but pleynly, and in pavyng the hole chirch." &c. Again, at p. 289 of the same volume, we have the will of John Younge, of Herne, dated May 26, 1458, who also left money "to the fabrick of the church of Herne, viz. to make *seats called puinge*, x. marks, so that the same be done within two years after my decease."

resting to have to compare together two series of accounts from such widely distant parts of the kingdom.

1457. *The 36th of King Henry VI.*

Item, payd for an henge for Russells wyfes pewe, iiij*d.*

1459. *38th Hen. VI.*

Item, for amendyng of the garnettes of ij pewes, and for nayl to the same, j*d*½.

Item, for amendynge of ij menes pewes and j womans pew, with j*d.* for naill and candell, vij*d.*

1460. *39th Hen. VI.*

Item, paid to a carpenter workyng by half a day in emendynge of a pew iiij*d.*

Item, for garnettes iiij*d.* and nayles j*d.* spended in the same pew, v*d.*

Item, to a carpenter by a day floryng a pew, and other necessaries, viij*d.*

1464. *4th Edw. IV.*

Item, payde to Henry Chad, carpenter, for makyng of pewes, xxiiij*s.*

Item, payd for cariage of the said pewes to and fro, iiij*d.*

Item, payde for sconchons for the saide pewes, iiij*d.*

Item, payde for an enge of a pew, vj*d.*

1466.

Item, for nayle for the pewes, iij*d.*

Item, payde to a carpenter for mending of the pewes and dores, v*s.* vj*d.*

1467. *7th Edw. IV.*

Item, payed for wode and cole, and for amendyng of the lede over my lady Stokkers pew, j*d*½.

Item, payed to a smyth for makyng of a lok to maister Stokkers pew, viij*d.*

1468. *8th Edw. IV.*

Item, for makyng of ij new pewes in the chirche, viij*d.*

Item, for amendyng of the olde pewes in the chirche, x*d.*

1469.

Item, payed for iij rat trappes for the chirche, vj*d.*

Item, paid to the raker for caryng awey of the chirche dust whan the pewes were made clene, viij*d.*

Item,[1] payed for a pair new garnetts for a pew in the chirche, vj*d.*

Item,[1] payed for amendyng of a pair of olde garnetts, iij*d.*

Item,[1] for amendyng of olde pewes in the chirche, iij*d.*

Item, payed for ij pair garnettes and for amendyng of olde pewes in the chirche, ix*d.*

1470.

Item, payde for mendyng of the pewes in the chirche, iiij*d.*

Item, payde amendyng of the puys in the chirche, ij*d.*

Item, for mendyng of a pewe in the chirche, j*d.*

1471.

Item, paid for amendyng of pewys in the chyrche, and for S. William Barbors almery, and for makyng of the cros in the chyrche yerde, and for naylls, and for tymbre for the cros, and ffor the carpenters labur, xx*d.*

1473.

Item, for makyng of mayster Stokkers pew, x*s.* vij*d.*

Item, payde to a carpenter for mendyng of the pewes in the chirche, and for mendyng of the crosse in the chirchawe, iiij*d.*

Item, for sconcheons and a felet for the same pewes, ij*d.*

Item, for nayles for the same pewes, and for the crosse in the chirchaw, iiij*d.*

Item, for werkmanship and nayle for ij women pewes, ij*s.* vj*d.*

1474.

Item, payde for havyng awey of the cherche dust wan the puys wer mad clene, iiij*d.*

Item, payde for translatyng of the meyres pue, x*s.* vj*d.*

Item, payde for makyng of the puys in oure Lady Chapell, xiij*s.*

With this the accounts of the fifteenth century conclude; we go on to those beginning with the reign of Edward VI.

[1] The three entries beginning with this come together. It may be remarked that *garnetts*, in old English, meant hinges.

1548.

Item, payd to the joyner for takynge downe the shryvyng pew and makyng another pew in the same place, iij*s*.

1549.

Item, for mendyng the fore pewe by mystres Tollows, ij*s*.

Item, for mendyng the henges of mystres Bryggs pewe, ij*d*.

1550.

Item, for new joynts and ij cramps for Mr. Machyns pewe dore and Mr. Stanfylds mayds dore, viij*d*.

Item, for a dore and hynges to Mr. Hunts madys pewe dore, viij*d*.

Item, for henges and nayles, and for mendyng of Mr. Ryxmans pewe dore, and Hattons wyves pewe, and the setts allso, xij*d*.

Item, p^d^ to Harry Cutler, for mendyng of the setts of iiij pews, before Mrs. Hunts pewe, and for mendyng of the pulpet, and for boords, skykyngs, and nayles, to mend y^e^ churche alley gate, and for mendyng of y^e^ grate in y^e^ churche yarde, v*s*. vj*d*.

1551—1552.

Item, for nayles and sprygs to the setting up of the new pewe, vj*d*.

Item, for a skounsyn and a ledge, j*d*.

Item, for raysing of the benche in the foore pewe, and nayles and skonsyons, ij*d*.

Item, p^d^ to y^e^ goodman Cutlar for mendyng iij pewes, iiij*d*.

Item, to Garrad Symonds, joynor, for y^e^ ij newe pewes which were made at the dore with yere worke to the same, xlv*s*.

P^d^ for a q^r^ of borde for the pewes, xij*d*.

P^d^ to a joynor for settyng up of a pewe and for tymber, iiij*s*.

1553—1554.

Item, paide for takinge downe the newe pwees that stoode in the chauncell, the bakes towarde the awlter, j*s*. ij*d*.

1554 to 1555.

Gathered in the churche for the pewes for the hole yere, v*li*. v*s*. iiij*d*.

Paide and geven unto Roberte Dickenson in Harpe Alie when his wyfe was brought to bed of ij children, by the consente of some of the masters of the parish, v*s*.

1555 to 1556.

Paide for wrytinge on the pewe dores at my lorde of Londons commandemente, xij*d.*

1563. *Orders at a vestry meeting on the 16th of May.*

Order for keping their pewes on pain to forfeit ij*d.* the first tyme, and iiij*d.* the second.

Item, ony man that on the hollie day kepeth not his owne pewe, but setteth the service time in other pewes, for the first time ij*d.*, and the seconde time iiij*d.*, to be emploied to the poores boxe; provided eny, at the lessons and the sermons, the more better to heare may remove.

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## APPENDIX III.

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